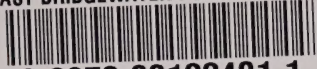




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OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1870.

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TOWN OFFICERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR 1869.

Town Clerk.

JACOB A. ROGERS.

Town Treasurer.

I. N. NUTTER.

Collector.

EZRA S. WHITMARSH.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

JACOB BATES, ELIAB LATHAM, CHARLES H. GOSS.

School Committee.

EDMD. W. NUTTER, FRANCIS C. WILLIAMS, GEO. A. WHEELER.

Auditors.

ROBERT CURTIS, WM. H. OSBORNE, S. P. ALLEN

Constables.

SIDNEY PACKARD, WILLIAM M. JUDKINS.

Highway Surveyors.

Dist. No. 1.	Leonard Hill,	Dist. No. 11.	Edward W. Barrows'
" " 2.	Eleazer Whitman,	" " 12.	Henry G. Hill,
" " 3.	Jotham Hicks,	" " 13.	Reuben Harden,
" " 4.	Galen Willis,	" " 14.	Nicholas Wade,
" " 5.	Francis Hayward,	" " 15.	Luther Churchill,
" " 6.	Charles Bates,	" " 16.	Sidney Allen,
" " 7.	James H. Fullerton,	" " 17.	Eliab Latham,
" " 8.	David Pratt,	" " 18.	Samuel F. White,
" " 9.	Cephas Porter,	" " 19.	Merritt Jenkins.
" " 10.	Charles Thrasher,		

Field Drivers.

ALLEN WASHBURN,

CALEB E. HICKS,

GEORGE ALLEN,

GEORGE N. ORDWAY.

Pound Keeper.

ALLEN WASHBURN.

Fence Viewers.

BENJAMIN H. WASHBURN,

JOHN H. HATHAWAY.

Surveyors of Lumber.

WADSWORTH PHILLIPS, GEO. H. BYRAM, CHAS. H. GOSS.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

SAMUEL B. ALLEN,

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Weighers of Coal.

JOHN WATERMAN,

SAMUEL B. ALLEN.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

LUCIUS REMICK.

Sexton.

SIDNEY PACKARD.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater submit for consideration a Report of the Financial condition of the Town, with the Receipts and Expenditures, from March 1 1869, to Feb. 1, 1870.

STATE AID,

Paid from March 1, 1869, to Feb. 1, 1870.

Jacob D. Bonney,	\$100 00	Sarah C. Kingman,	\$79 00
Arthur H. Brown,	44 00	Rebecca M. Mansfield,	9 00
Eunice S. Bryant,	44 00	Harriet F. McCarter,	44 00
Eliza F. Dyer,	44 00	Amos Morse,	33 00
Harriet Eddy,	44 00	Lucy A. Morris,	44 00
John Flynn,	33 00	Jeremiah Reardon,	40 00
Sarah B. Gould,	44 00	William Reardon,	52 00
Betsey A. Hale,	44 00	Mary S. Ripley,	44 00
Susan E. Hall,	88 00	Lydia A. Sylvester,	44 00
Mary Hudson,	44 00	Daniel W. Tribou,	66 00
Sarah C. Hudson,	88 00	Thankful O. Trow,	44 00
Deborah O. Jones,	88 00	Rachel B. Underwood,	88 00
Charles E. Jones,	49 50	Eldridge Winsor,	66 00
Lois M. Keen,	44 00		
Anna H. Kingman,	4 00		\$1,455 50
Amount paid in January and February, 1869,			279 00
Amount of State Aid due from the State,			\$1,734 50

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

At the Annual Meeting, the town voted that a highway tax of \$3,500.00 be separately assessed upon the polls and estates, to be expended in labor and materials upon the highways and bridges, under the direction of the Highway Surveyors, who were directed to allow all persons who might elect to do so, to pay the same in labor, before the tenth day of September, at which time they were directed to certify to the Assessors the amount unpaid in the several districts, such highway deficiencies to be committed to the Collector for collection, and expended in the several districts under the direction of the Selectmen.

Appropriation for repairs of Highways,	\$3,500 00
Overlayings, - - - -	105 53
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Amount committed to the Surveyors of Highways,	\$3,605 53
Amount expended by the " " "	3,177 48
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Highway deficiency, - - -	\$428 05
Additional appropriation for building and repairing	
roads, bridges, and culverts, - -	\$1,000 00
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Total appropriation to be expended by the Select-	
men, - - - -	\$1,428 05

Orders have been drawn in favor of the following persons for labor on roads, bridges, and culverts:

Warden of Almshouse,	\$113 90	F. Peterson,	\$1 10
Stetson & Dyer,	200 00	Joseph Reed,	2 00
I. N. Nutter,	5 00	S. Reed, 2d,	2 00
William Ramsdell,	8 20	David Pratt,	5 76
Hugh Stran,	7 00	John A. Harden,	73
Levi T. Gurney,	6 00	N. W. French,	3 81
Almon Gurney,	3 80	Francis Hayward,	8 20
Alfred Gurney,	4 20	Charles Thrasher,	8 09
Charles Bates,	4 30	Galen Willis,	14 05
Rogers & Sheldon,	10 10	David Roach,	11 20
Marcena A. Whitman,	45 00	Francis Winn,	73
George A. Washburn,	73	Patrick Whalan,	1 00
J. H. Hathaway,	3 00	S. G. Alden, lumber for	
J. H. Vosmos,	8 03	bridges,	104 50
Greenough Wood,	3 00	Nicholas Wade, do	9 72
T. G. Stetson,	13 40	E. K. McLaughlin, do	1 50
L. T. Howland,	9 40	Z. Hayward, 2d, do	5 54
Jacob Bates,	11 40	S. D. Shaw, for stone, do	21 08
Merritt Jenkins,	13 25	Marcena A. Whitman, do	10 00
E. K. McLaughlin,	16 80	Willard Johnson, nails,	7 94
J. S. Perkins,	2 25	Rogers & Sheldon, cinders	
Edmund Casey,	1 50	for roads,	25 00
Richard Thayer,	4 25	Galen Allen, gravel, do	1 22
J. Maguire,	2 20	Asa T. Whitman, do	6 14
D. H. Lynch,	2 25	Francis Hayward, do	2 09
Daniel Desmond,	10 00	C. A. Latham, do	2 88
William Reed,	4 00	S. G. Alden, do	3 74
David S. Gurney,	10 20	B. W. Keith, do	4 64
B. F. Ellis,	12 80	Calvin Hatch, do	1 29
S. W. Tillson,	3 42	G. Mitchell, Est. of, do	9 06
Eli B. French,	2 00		
William B. Lincoln,	8 75		\$825 14
Less appropriation,	-	-	602 91
Appropriation,	-	-	\$1,428 05

CLEARING THE ROADS FROM SNOW.

Paid	E. F. Field, for removing snow in 1868,	\$1 80
"	B. F. Ellis, " " " " "	5 50
"	Martin Parris, " " " "	5 5
"	Silas Holbrook, " " " "	1 50
Paid	B. F. Ellis, for removing snow in 1869,	75
"	Alvin C. Baker, " " " "	1 50
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		\$16 30
Less appropriation,	- - - -	283 70
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Appropriation,	- - - -	\$300 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid	Jarvis Burrell, for printing Town Report of 1868,	\$150 00
"	Jarvis Burrell, for printing blanks,	19 75
"	Rockwell & Churchill, " check lists,	28 00
"	I. N. Nutter, for amt. paid for insurance on School houses,	92 00
"	C. Wentworth, for painting Hearse,	20 00
"	C. W. Siddall, iron work on Hearse,	3 00
"	Joppa Cemetery Association for assessment on lots,	2 00
"	I. N. & E. W. Nutter, for blank books for use of the town,	2 25
"	A. P. Sampson for express,	1 15
"	Charles Darling, for military bounty,	30 00
"	A. K. Benson, for removing safe,	12 00
"	E. B. Monumental Association, for rent paid for use of Town Hall, refunded,	10 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$370 15

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$370 15
Paid	B. S. Bryant, for damages received by defect in highway, - - - -	225 66
"	Register of Deeds, for recording deeds, -	2 72
"	L. Holbrook, for coffins for town paupers,	18 00
"	Edmund W. Nutter, for use of horse and carriage, - - - -	11 75
"	F. C. Williams, for use of horse and carriage,	17 00
"	G. A. Wheeler, " " " "	16 57
"	Jacob Bates, " " " "	25 00
"	Eliab Latham, " " " "	15 00
"	Charles H. Goss, " " " "	3 00
"	E. S. Whitmarsh, for services as Moderator of town meeting, - - - -	5 00
"	Jacob A. Rogers, for cash paid express, stationery and postage, - - - -	1 98
"	George A. Wheeler, for cash paid for railroad fare, stationery, postage and express, -	8 19
"	Jacob Bates, for cash paid for railroad fare,	8 20
"	" " " " express,	3 60
"	" " postage and revenue stamps,	5 40
"	" " books, blanks and stationery,	10 38
"	W. Johnson, for repair of pump and renewal of pipe at Almshouse, - - - -	40 02
"	W. H. Osborne, for services before Probate Court, - - - -	5 00
"	W. H. Osborne, postage and revenue stamps,	1 06
"	I. N. Nutter, for expenses in hiring money and paying town bonds, - - - -	10 00
"	sundry individuals for abatement of taxes of 1868, - - - -	17 77
"	J. T. Hathaway, for abatement on tax of 1869,	2 00
	<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$823 45

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$824 45
Paid	John Soule, est. of, abatement of tax of 1869,			8 31
"	Jane Bates, " " " "			35
"	Williams Latham, in trust, for abatement on tax of 1869,	-	-	9 00
"	Josephus Freeman, for abatement on tax of 1869,	-	-	9 35
"	Leonard L. Byram,	"	"	7 88
"	Thomas Perkins,	"	"	5 23
"	William Murphy,	"	"	2 45
"	Francis E. Howard,	"	"	5 64
"	George A. Weld,	"	"	2 73
"	Joseph Mitchell,	"	"	2 00
"	James Roach,	"	"	2 73
"	John Roach,	"	"	2 00
"	Charles Gardner,	"	"	2 73
"	John J. Delano,	"	"	2 00
"	John Murray,	"	"	2 7
"	Stephen H. Leonard,	"	"	2 6
"	Selden M. Washburn,	"	"	2
"	Nathan Chamberlain,	"	"	2 6
"	John Mahoney,	"	"	2 60
"	Sidney Whiting,	"	"	2 73
"	Dexter Reed, estate of,	"	"	7 35
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				\$906 66
Appropriation, - - - -				900 00
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Over appropriation, - - - -				\$6 66

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

APPROPRIATION, \$900 00.

Paid Jacob Bates, for services as Selectman, As-		
sessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	-	\$232 00
" Eliab Latham,	" "	72 00
" Charles H. Goss,	" "	40 00
" Edmund W. Nutter, for services as School		
Committee,	- - -	41 00
" Francis C. Williams, for services as School		
Committee,	- - -	31 00
" George A. Wheeler, for services as School		
Committee,	- - -	55 50
" Jacob A. Rogers, services as Town Clerk,	-	44 65
" I. N. Nutter, services as Treasurer,	-	100 00
" Sidney Packard, services as Constable,	-	5 25
" William M. Judkins, services as Constable,		30 00
" Sidney Packard, services as Sexton,	-	90 70
" Ezra S. Whitmarsh, services as Collector,	-	187 86
" I. N. Nutter, Committee on Town Hall,	-	10 00
" J. H. Mitchell,	" Town Bounties,	10 00
" B. H. Washburn,	" Schoolhouse, Eastville,	3 00
" Wm. H. Osborne, services as Auditor,	-	3 00
" S. P. Allen, services as Auditor,	-	3 00
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		\$958 96
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REBUILDING SHED AND REPAIRS ON OUT-BUILDINGS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid S. G. Alden, for lumber,	-	-	-	\$37 81
" C. H. Goss,	-	-	-	4 02
" Allen Washburn,	-	-	-	13 50
" Diana Allen,	-	-	-	2 16
" Willard Johnson, for nails and hardware,	-	-	-	13 38
" Thomas A. Herrick, for sashes,	-	-	-	2 40
" N. S. Holmes, for labor,	-	-	-	112 75
" Ezra Whitmarsh,	"	-	-	5 25
" Allen Washburn,	"	-	-	10 00
" B. Noonan,	"	-	-	7 00
" J. S. Perkins,	"	-	-	10 12
" A. K. Benson,	"	-	-	4 00
" C. H. Goss,	"	-	-	2 00
" Almshouse for boarding laborers on shed	-	-	-	2 00
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				\$226 39

BUILDING ROAD FROM BRIDGEWATER TO HALIFAX, IN 1868, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Paid County Treasurer,	-	-	-	\$437 50
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BUILDING SCHOOLHOUSE, EASTVILLE.

Appropriation,	-	-	-	\$1,500 00
Received from sale of old house,	-	-	-	202 50
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Total appropriation,	-	-	-	\$1,702 50
Orders drawn on Treasurer as per report of Building Committee,	-	-	-	1,679 97
Less appropriation	-	-	-	22 53
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				\$1,702 50

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid for State aid to families,	-	-	-	\$1,455	50
“ for building and repairing roads, bridges, and culverts, under the direction of the Selectmen, and materials for the same,	-	-	-	825	14
“ for building road, under the direction of the County Commissioners,	-	-	-	437	50
“ for removing snow,	-	-	-	16	25
“ incidental expenses and abatement of taxes,	-	-	-	906	66
“ for Town officers and committees,	-	-	-	958	96
“ for rebuilding shed and repairs on buildings at Almshouse,	-	-	-	226	39
“ for building Schoolhouse at Eastville,	-	-	-	1,679	97
“ for expenses of poor out of Almshouse,	-	-	-	978	34
“ for expenses of poor in Almshouse,	-	-	-	587	06
“ for support of schools,	-	-	-	5,205	00
“ for school incidentals,	-	-	-	772	03
“ for repairs on schoolhouses, etc.,	-	-	-	460	95
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				\$14,509	75
Amount expended by the several Highway Surveyors,	-	-	-	3,177	48
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				\$17,687	23

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1870.

For support of schools, - - - -	\$5,000 00
“ school incidentals, - - - -	600 00
“ building roads, bridges, and culverts, and re-	
pairs on same, - - - -	4,000 00
“ removing snow, - - - -	200 00
“ support of the poor, - - - -	2,000 00
“ incidental expenses, and abatement of taxes,	900 00
“ payment of Town officers and committees,	900 00
“ discount on taxes, - - - -	900 00
“ payment of Town debts and interest, -	2,500 00
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	\$17,000 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds, due April 1st, 1870, - -	100 00
“ “ “ 1st, 1871, - -	2,500 00
“ “ “ 1st, 1872, - -	2,500 00
“ “ “ 1st, 1873, - -	2,500 00
“ “ “ 1st, 1874, - -	2,000 00
“ “ “ 1st, 1875, - -	2,500 00
“ “ “ 1st, 1876, - -	1,800 00
“ “ “ 1st, 1877, - -	1,900 00
	1,600 00
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	\$15,400 00
Interest on Town bonds, due April 1st, 1870, -	\$472 20
Outstanding orders, - - - -	217 31
Unsettled accounts (estimated), - - - -	150 00
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	\$16,239 51

ASSETS.

Due from E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, 1869,	-	\$365 65
“ State, for State Aid, - -	-	1,734 50
“ Town of Abington, - -	-	132 00
“ City of Taunton, - -	-	27 00
Cash in Treasury, - - - -	-	1,505 63
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		\$3,764 78
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Total indebtedness of the town; - -	-	\$12,474 73

NAMES OF STREETS.

At the last annual meeting, the Selectmen were "directed to name the several streets in the town, and report the same at the next annual meeting."

In compliance with that vote, we submit the following names for the several streets herein described:—

AUBURN ST., from Abington, near Alfred Gurney's, to North Bridgewater, near E. Y. Hayward's.

BEDFORD ST., Boston and New Bedford Turnpike, from Abington to Bridgewater.

BELMONT ST., from Elm Street, near G. W. Barrell's, by the Beaver schoolhouse, to West Bridgewater, near Otis Grover's.

BRIDGE ST., from Central Street, near L. P. Raymond's, by Timothy Mitchell's, to Bridgewater.

CEDAR ST., from Central Street, near Israel Hobart's, by Cephas A. Porter's, to Hanson.

CENTRAL ST., from Hanson, near Cushing's Corner, by Alms-house, Town Hall, Methodist Church, William Vinton's, to Union Street, near W. R. Hathaway's.

CENTRAL SQUARE, from Central Street, near B. W. Keith's, by High School House, to Central Street, near the Methodist Church.

CHESTNUT ST., from Central Street, near Jabez H. Sturtevant's, to Bridge Street, near Mrs. Alden Washburn's.

CHURCH ST., from Union Street, near Nathaniel Ramsdell's, to Central Street, near the First Congregational Church.

CRESCENT ST., from Cedar Street, near Theodore Hobart's, by Benjamin White's, to Bridge Street, near Allen Washburn's.

CROSS ST., from Union Street, near Rogers & Sheldon's Works, to Central Street, near Stephen Harlow's.

ELM ST., from Central Street, near Rev. B. Sanford's, by G. W. Barrell's, to Summer Street, near F. A. Nash's.

- FRANKLIN ST., from Hanson, near Cushing's Corner, northerly to Abington.
- GROVE ST., from Bedford Street, near S. P. Newhall's, to Elm Street, near house of C. H. Goss.
- HARVARD ST., from Abington, near John Gaffneys, by A. T. Whitman's, to Bedford Street, near Mrs. Eleazer Whitman's.
- HIGHLAND ST., from Harvard Street, near Daniel Whitman's, to Elm Street, near J. and D. N. Reed's.
- MAPLE ST., from Summer Street, near house of Calvin Hatch, to North Bridgewater.
- MATFIELD ST., from Pleasant Street, near Shaw's Saw Mill, to West Bridgewater.
- OAK ST., from Washington Street, near D. T. Blanchard's, to Hanson, near Cushing's Corner.
- OREGON ST., from Union Street, near Merritt Jenkins's, to Spring Street.
- PINE ST., from Washington Street, near the Northville school-house, to Harvard Street, near Mrs. David Brown's.
- PEARL ST., From Union Street, near R. M. Smith's, to Central Street, near B. W. Keith's.
- PLEASANT ST., from Central Street, near William Vinton's, to West Bridgewater, near Otis Grover's.
- PLYMOUTH ST., from Central Street, near the Town Hall, by the Satucket schoolhouse, to Halifax.
- POND ST., from Bridgewater, near Conant's Bridge, by N. S. Bouldry's, Martin Parris's and Robbins Pond, to Halifax and Hanson.
- SCHOOL ST., from Abington, near F. Peterson's, to Auburn Street, near Charles Bates's.
- SOUTH ST., from Plymouth Street, near the Satucket school-house, to Bridgewater, near Conant's Bridge.
- SPRING ST., from Central Street, near John Hobart's, by the "Brick Yard," to West Street.

SUMMER ST., from Winter Street, near C. C. Hooper's, by the Beaver schoolhouse, to Pleasant Street, near S. D. Shaw's.

TEMPLE ST., from Temple Street Abington, to Pine Street North Bridgewater.

UNION ST., from Walnut Street, near Luther Churchill's, by the Catholic Church, depot, Rogers & Sheldon's Works, to West Bridgewater, near Lewis Delano's.

WALNUT ST., from Washington Street, near Addison Pratt's, by Mrs. Dexter Pratt's to Central Street.

WASHINGTON ST., from Abington, near James S. Harding's, by Whiting's store and Martin Parris's, to Plymouth Street.

WEST ST., from Bridgewater, by Levi Churchill's and the Joppa depot, to West Bridgewater, near the E. & W. Bridgewater depot.

WHITMAN ST., from Bedford Street, near the Joppa Bridge, to Plymouth Street, near the manufactory of the E. Carver Company.

WINTER ST., from Auburn Street, near Thomas G. Stetson's, by C. C. Hooper's, to Auburn Street, near E. Y. Hayward's.

TOWN MEETING.

Copy of Articles in the warrant for the Annual Meeting, to be held March 14, 1870, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

- ART. 1. — To choose a Moderator, to preside in said meeting.
- ART. 2. — To choose all necessary Town Officers, for the ensuing year.
- ART. 3. — To hear the Reports of the Town Officers and Committees which are to report at this meeting, and act thereon.
- ART. 4. — To determine the manner of repairing the highways and bridges, the ensuing year.
- ART. 5. — To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges, and such sums as may be thought proper, to pay Town debts and interest, the ensuing year.
- ART. 6. — To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.
- ART. 7. — To see if the Town will authorize their Collector to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.
- ART. 8. — To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
- ART. 9. — To act on a list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.
- ART. 10. — To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for repairs on Schoolhouses and for furnishing the same.

LIST OF JURORS.

The following is a list of Jurors, for the consideration of the town, to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting, March 15, 1870 :—

Irving Bates,	Edward P. Gurney,
Charles H. Brown,	Albert Harden,
Daniel T. Blanchard,	William B. Hall,
Luther Churchill, Jr.,	Edward Y. Hayward,
Warren K. Churchill,	Francis Hayward,
Elijah L. Clark,	Henry G. Hill,
Pliny Edson,	John Hobart,
William H. Eustis,	Theodore Hobart,
Edward F. Field,	George C. Hobart,
William G. Field,	Ellis W. Holmes,
Caleb Goss,	William W. Hersey,
Charles Griggs,	Mark P. Hudson,
James G. Knapp,	Nahum B. Smith,
Nathan Kingman, 2d,	Martin Sumner,
Samuel Luzarder,	Everett C. Swallow,
Frederic C. Mann,	James N. Sweeting,
Martin Parris,	John B. Thayer,
Mark Phillips,	Joseph Vinton,
John B. Porter,	John Waterman,
J. Henry Potter,	Benjamin M. White,
David Pratt,	Eleazer Whitman,
John T. Pratt,	William E. Whitman,
Quincy Reed,	George A. Wright,
Wales Rogers,	William Ramsdell.
Minot C. Shaw,	

JACOB BATES,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ELIAB LATHAM,	
CHARLES H. GOSS,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>East Bridgewater.</i>

EAST BRIDGEWATER, FEB. 1, 1870.

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, AND STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

For support of schools, - - - -	\$5,000 00
" school incidentals, - - - -	500 00
" repairs on schoolhouses, - - - -	400 00
" building schoolhouse in Eastville - -	1,500 00
" support of poor, - - - -	2,000 00
" payment of town officers and committees, -	900 00
" payment of town debts and interest, -	2,500 00
" incidental expenses and abatement of taxes,	900 00
" discount on taxes, - - - -	1,000 00
" removing snow, - - - -	300 00
" building and repairing roads and bridges, -	1,000 00
" State tax, - - - -	3,550 00
" County tax, - - - -	1,783 92
" overlaying on tax, - - - -	313 08
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	\$21,647 00

VALUATION FOR 1869.

Real Estate assessed, - - -	\$854,268 00
Personal Estate assessed, - - -	288,774 00

\$1,143,042 00

Number of Rateable Polls, 821.

Increase in Real Estate, - - -	\$19,201 00
“ “ Personal Estate, - - -	6,637 00

Total increase in estates, - - - \$25,838 00

Decrease in rateable Polls, 3.

Tax on 821 polls, at \$2.00 each, - - -	\$1,642 00
“ “ \$1,143,042.00, at \$17.50 on the \$1,000,	20,003 23
Gain by fractions, - - -	1 77

\$21,647 00

Subsequently assessed, - - -	26 44
Highway deficiency in 1869, - - -	428 05

Total amount committed for collection, - \$22,101 49

HIGHWAY TAX.

Tax on 821 polls at \$0.73 each, -	-	\$599 33
" " \$1,143,042.00, at \$2.63 on the \$1,000,		3,006 20
Total amount committed to Highway		<hr/>
Surveyors, -	-	\$3,605 53
Amount expended under the direction of		
the several Highway Surveyors, -		\$3,177 48
Highway deficiency, -	-	428 05
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		\$3,605 53

Number of acres of land taxed,	-	-	11,233
“ “ dwelling houses “	-	-	571
“ “ horses “	-	-	300
“ “ cows “	-	-	468
“ “ sheep “	-	-	17
“ “ oxen “	-	-	56
“ “ swine “	-	-	143
“ “ children between 5 and 15 years of age, “	-	-	597

JACOB BATES,
ELIAB LATHAM,
CHARLES H. GOSS,

} Assessors
 of
 East Bridgewater.

FEBRUARY 1, 1870.

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

To Inventory, Feb. 28, 1869, - -	\$2,736 52	
“ Salary of Warden, from March 1, 1869, to April 1, 1869, - -	27 08	
“ Salary of Warden, from April 1, 1869, to Feb. 1, 1870, - -	291 67	
“ Dr. S. A. Orr, for medical attend- ance, from March 1, 1869, to Feb. 1, 1870, . . . -	22 92	
“ Cash from Town Treasury, -	525 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,603 19

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By Inventory, Feb. 1, 1870, - -	\$2,844 58	
“ Cash paid into the Town Treasury, -	171 55	
	<hr/>	\$3,016 13
Cost of supporting the poor at the House, - -	\$587 06	
	<hr/>	\$3,603 19

Whole number of paupers during the year, -	21
Average number of paupers during the year, -	6 $\frac{5}{6}$
Present number at Almshouse, - - -	15
Number of travellers lodged, - - -	8
Average cost per week for support, - -	\$1 79

PRESENT INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Harriet F. Parris, - - - - -	34	years of age.
James M. Gurney, - - - - -	52	" " "
Winslow C. Bailey, - - - - -	87	" " "
Calvin Eaton, - - - - -	70	" " "
Polly Herrick, - - - - -	79	" " "
Zilpha A. Bouldry, - - - - -	29	" " "
Roland V. Bouldry, - - - - -	13	" " "
Thomas H. Bouldry, - - - - -	11	" " "
Nathaniel S. Bouldry, Jr., - - - - -	10	" " "
Carleton Bouldry, - - - - -	9	" " "
Augustus E. Bouldry, - - - - -	7	" " "
James Bouldry, - - - - -	5	" " "
Thaddeus M. Bouldry, - - - - -	4	" " "
Owen F. Bouldry, - - - - -	2	" " "
Freddie E. Bouldry, - - - - -	1	" " "

DISCHARGED FROM THE HOUSE DURING THE
YEAR.

Ard Edson,
Rachel A. Phelps,
Anna M. Phelps.

DIED IN THE HOUSE DURING THE YEAR.

Lewis Chamberlain,
Samuel Snell,
Samuel Carter.

EXPENSES OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Paid for aid to Mrs. L. P. Osborne and children, -	\$132 00
“ for aid to Mrs. Lewis Keith, Jr., and children, -	31 50
“ for aid to Mrs. A. M. Vickery and children, -	13 00
“ for aid to Mrs. N. S. Bouldry and children, -	150 39
“ for aid to Mrs. Betsy Aldrich and children, -	27 00
“ for aid to Mrs. Mary C. Joyce and child, -	132 00
“ for aid to Mrs. Deborah Bates and child, -	75 00
“ for aid to Mrs. Filetta Washburn, - -	104 00
“ for aid to Mrs. Nancy Orcutt, - -	16 00
“ for aid to Miss Lucina Mitchell, - -	38 00
“ for aid to Miss Sybil P. Dunbar, - -	39 00
“ for aid to Misses J. S. and M. P. Washburn, -	31 12
“ for aid to Andrew H. Reed and family, -	46 00
“ for aid to Orrin Parris and family, - -	44 00
“ for aid to Reuel Lincoln, - - -	40 34
“ the City of New Bedford, for aid to Mrs. Melissa Mitchell, - - - -	29 50
“ the Town of Hanson for aid to Mrs. Alfred Worthington, - - - -	7 00
“ the Town of Sandwich, for aid to Jacob Wood and family, - - - -	13 55
“ the Town of Weymouth, for aid to Reuben Shaw, - - - -	52 00
“ the Town of Duxbury, for aid to, and for funeral expenses of James Harvey Bowen, -	43 64
“ the State Reform School, for board of A. L. Soule, from Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, 1869, -	19 50
“ the State Lunatic Hospital, for support of Nathaniel S. Bouldry, from Aug. 6, 1869, to Jan. 1, 1870, - - - -	88 30
<i>Total carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,172 84

<i>Total brought forward,</i>		\$1,172 84
Deduct	amount paid by the Town of Bridgewater, for aid to Mrs. Nancy Orcutt, - - -	\$16 00
"	amount of aid to A. L. Soule re- funded, - - -	19 50
"	amount due from the City of Taunton, for aid to Mrs. Betsey Aldrich and family, - -	27 00
"	amount due from the Town of Abington, for aid to Mrs. Mary C. Joyce and child, - -	132 00
		<hr/> \$194 50
Expense of supporting the poor out of the House,		\$978 34
" " " " " in Almshouse,		587 06
		<hr/> \$1,565 40
Less appropriation,	- - -	434 60
		<hr/> \$2,000 00

JACOB BATES,	} Overseers
ELIAB LATHAM,	
CHARLES H. GOSS,	
	the
	Poor.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, February 1, 1870.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, have examined the Collector's account for the commitment of taxes, as committed by the Assessors.

Total commitment, -	-	-	\$21,673 44
Highway deficiency, -	-	-	428 05
Interest collected, -	-	-	76 44
			————— \$22,177 93

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By discount on collections, -	-	-	\$894 92
“ paid Treasurer, -	-	-	21,283 01
			————— \$22,177 93

W. H. OSBORNE, }
SAML. P. ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

EAST BRIDGEWATER, February 21, 1870.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS., Feb. 21, 1870.

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector of taxes, and find due from him to the town the sum of three hundred and sixty-five dollars and sixty-five cents, - - - - - \$365 65

W. H. OSBORNE, }
SAML. P. ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer, in account with Town.*

DR.

Balance, as by previous report,	-	-	\$2,133 72
Cash of Thos. Rogers, per cent on sales of liquor,			22 21
" " W. H. Fullerton, schooling,	-	-	1 26
" " Saml. Reed, for stone posts,	-	-	13 75
" " John R. Ellis, for fence,	-	-	10 50
" " Dunbar, Hobart & Whidden, for old schoolhouse, at Eastville,	-	-	202 50
" " Cyrus A. Bates, for pedlar's license,	-	-	10 00
" " State Treasurer, corporation tax,	-	-	390 86
" " " " State Aid,	-	-	1,600 00
" " " " proportion of School Fund,	-	-	199 20
" " Allen Washburn, warden of Almshouse,			171 55
" " Quincy Mut. Fire Ins. Co., return pre- mium on schoolhouses,	-	-	36 00
" " town of Duxbury, aid to W. W. Gard- ner,	-	-	5 00
" " town of Bridgewater, aid to Nancy Orcutt,	-	-	16 00
" " Sidney Allen, Executor, for board of A. L. Soule, at State Reform School,	-	-	67 93
" " borrowed on Town Notes,	-	-	3,100 00
" " E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector,	-	-	20,917 36
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			\$28,897 84

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By Cash paid	Town Notes, for money borrowed,	\$3,505 00
" " "	Interest on same, - - -	76 97
" " "	Town Bonds, - - -	2,388 00
" " "	Interest on same, - - -	1,064 40
" " "	Town Orders, - - -	7,082 49
" " "	State Aid " - - -	1,486 50
" " "	School " - - -	6,454 93
" " "	County Tax, - - -	1,783 92
" " "	State " - - -	3,550 00
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		\$27,392 21
Cash on hand,	- - -	- 1,505 63
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		\$28,897 84

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

This is to certify, that we have examined the above account, and find the items thereof properly entered and vouched for.

WM. H. OSBORNE, }
SAML. P. ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

* EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 14, 1870.

REPORT OF TOWN-HALL COMMITTEE.

Balance on hand, as by previous report,	-	-	\$8	21
Received of Temple Lodge, K. O. S. C., for use				
of hall,	-	-	90	00
" from other sources,	-	-	91	00
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			\$189	21

EXPENSES.

Fuel,	-	-	-	-	\$21	39
Oil, wicks, and chimneys,	-	-	-	-	21	32
Painting and repairs,	-	-	-	-	11	25
Tables and stands,	-	-	-	-	13	00
Padlock and entry lamp,	-	-	-	-	3	25
Washing and cleaning hall,	-	-	-	-	12	00
L. Remick, care of	"	-	-	-	76	00
J. F. McCarter, care of	"	-	-	-	21	00
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					\$179	21
Balance due for use of hall,					10	00
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					\$189	21

I. N. NUTTER, *Committee.*

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE ON THE EASTVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE.

The Committee chosen by the town, at its annual meeting in March last, to carry into effect the vote then passed, providing for the erection of a new Schoolhouse in Eastville, respectfully submit the following report of their action :

The Committee entered upon the labor assigned them soon after the meeting of the town. Upon consultation with the Committee chosen to represent the inhabitants of Eastville, it was decided to locate the new building near the spot occupied by the old, and to enlarge the school yard, by purchasing enough of the adjoining land to form a lot five rods wide and eight rods deep. This purchase was afterwards made by the Selectmen upon favorable terms, and a quit-claim deed was obtained of all the land embraced in the new lot. Plans and specifications were drawn up in accordance with the advice and suggestions of the School Committee, and with what was believed to be the intention of the town in making the appropriation, and bids were solicited from several parties for the construction of the building. Of the bids received, that of Gladden Bonney was the lowest, and the contract was accordingly awarded to him. The contract for painting was given to J. Sumner Harding, and that for stone-work to Dyer & Stetson. All these contracts were fulfilled promptly and in a manner acceptable to the Committee, and the building was completed before the expiration of the time specified in the contract. The Committee believe it will be found to be in all respects well adapted to the purpose for which it is designed. The size of the building is 26 feet x 36 feet, with 11 feet posts ; the main room is 25 feet x 27½ feet, lighted by three windows on each side, the upper sashes of the windows are hung with weights for the

purpose of ventilation, and there is also a cold-air flue in the chimney opening into the room by a ventilator. The walls are sheathed up to the window-sills, and above the sheathing the spaces around the room, between the doors and windows, are painted for blackboards. The floor is of hard pine, kiln-dried and oiled. The seats and desks which will accommodate forty-eight scholars, are of the most approved pattern, manufactured by G. W. Shattuck, of Boston. The entries are $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet x $12\frac{1}{2}$ feet, each entry is provided with a sink, and sheathed up five feet from the floor to hold the hooks for clothing.

During the construction of the new house the old building remained undisturbed, and was occupied by the school through the Summer Term.

Soon after the close of the Term the Committee advertised it for sale at public auction, and received for it a sum much larger than they had anticipated. After the removal of the building the grounds were graded, and enclosed with a substantial fence and wall.

The following statement exhibits the amount of the bills incurred by the Committee under the appropriation:—

Appropriation by the town,	-	-	\$1,500 00
Received from sale of old building,	-	-	202 50
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			\$1,702 50
Paid M. M. Sweetser, land,	-	-	\$30 00
" R. F. Copeland, "	-	-	10 00
" Deed, stamps, etc.,	-	-	3 00
" C. H. Bonney, plans, etc.,	-	-	10 00
" Gladden Bonney, building house per con-			
tract,	-	-	1,075 00
" Stock and labor on fence,	-	-	33 05
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>			\$1,161 05

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,161 05
Paid	putting down seats, - - -	7 50
"	One extra sink, - - -	3 50
"	Painting and stock, - - -	5 00
"	Dyer & Stetson, stone-work, - - -	75 00
"	" " building walls, etc., - - -	50 50
"	J. S. Harding, painting per contract, - - -	80 00
"	Allen Washburn, work on yard, - - -	45 00
"	Ezra Whitmarsh, " " - - -	15 00
"	Francis B. Porter, labor, - - -	5 25
"	Nathaniel Porter, " - - -	3 00
"	S. G. Alden, posts and rails, - - -	25 37
"	" " selling and advertising, - - -	4 00
"	G. W. Shattuck, furniture, - - -	191 90
"	Freight and carting, - - -	7 70
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		\$1,679 77

HENRY HOBART, *for the Committee.*

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

The number of marriages registered in East Bridgewater, in 1869, is 31, being four less than in the previous year.

THE RECORD.

Date of Marriage.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence of each.
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1869.

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|--------------|--|
| January 27. | George F. Cushman, of East Bridgewater, and
Mattie H. Robinson, of Bridgewater. |
| February 23. | Elbridge W. Keene, and Mary J. Lovell, both
of East Bridgewater. |
| March 6. | Charles Theodore Wells, of North Bridgewater,
and Miriam Fuller, of East Bridgewater. |
| March 13. | Alfred Edson, of Abington, and Rachel C. Hay-
ward, of Halifax. |
| March 26. | Henry W.* Hatch, of East Bridgewater, and Lu-
cinda Randall, of Halifax. |
| April 7. | Henry Bartlett Rogers, and Mary E. Edson, both
of East Bridgewater. |
| April 8. | Andrew Tinkham, and Elizabeth Marsland, both of
North Bridgewater. |
| April 8. | John Parker Lovering, and Judith Almira Cush-
man, both of Kingston. |
| May 20. | Preston Hooper, of Bridgewater, and Belle W. Soule,
of East Bridgewater. |
| May 23. | Melzar Waterman, and Lucy Jane Thrasher, both
of East Bridgewater. |
| May 26. | Lucien E. Jones, of Claremont, N. H. and Ellen L.
McLaughlin, of East Bridgewater. |
| June 6. | Bartholomew Ford and Johanna O'Brien, both of
East Bridgewater. |
| June 19. | Charles T. Beals, New of Bedford, and Sophia B.
Whitman, of East Bridgewater. |

Date of Marriage. Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence of each.

June 20. Edward Everett Edson, and Addie Frances Brown,
both of East Bridgewater.

July 4. Caleb Ethan Hicks, of East Bridgewater, and
Cleone Frances Parker, of Barnstable.

July 27. George A. Weld and Sarah E. Brown, both of East
Bridgewater.

August 1. Thomas S. Rounseville, and Adelia M. Reed, both
of East Bridgewater.

August 8. Floyd Robinson, and Elmira J. Haskins, both of
Bridgewater.

August 22. Simeon A. A. Bump, and Maria H. Wilbur, both
of Bridgewater.

August 29. Andrew P. Young, and Almira Frances Under-
wood, both of East Bridgewater.

September 29. Nahum Benson, and Celia W. Pratt, both of
Bridgewater.

September 30. Melvin L. Webber, of West Bridgewater,
and Mary Ella Newhall, of East Bridgewater.

October 10. Phillip Kent, and Margaret Whalan, both of East
Bridgewater.

October 16. Edmund F. Thayer, and Abby A. Bresenham,
both of East Bridgewater.

October 31. Winslow Francis Holmes, of East Bridgewater,
and Huldah Jane Leach, of West Bridgewater.

November 17. John Parris, and Lizzie R. Perry, both of
North Bridgewater.

November 18. George M. Monroe, and Mary E. Copeland,
both of East Bridgewater.

December 6. Roland W. Chase, of East Bridgewater, and
Sarah B. Phinney, of Plymouth.

December 12. Frederick Wilson Sturtevant, and Mercy
Maria Robbins, both of East Bridgewater.

December 21. John Martin Whiting, of East Bridgewater,
and Helen Maria Mungan, of Pittsfield.

Date of Marriage. Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence of each.

December 31. William S. Brainard, and Arrollyne Augusta
 Thayer, both of East Bridgewater.

Eleven of the marriages were solemnized by Rev. Francis C. Williams ; two by Rev. J. K. Aldrich ; three by Rev. T. O. Paine, and three by Rev. H. H. Martin. The remaining twelve couples were united by clergymen residing out of town. Seventeen were born in East Bridgewater, but in only three instances were both parties natives of this town.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER, IN 1869.

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DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.	REMARKS.
		Y.	M.	D.		
Jan. 2	Oliver Sharp,	69	6	29	Consumption.	Birth-place, Middleboro.
" 19	Mary Duane,	4	8	..	Constipation.	Daughter of David and Bridget.
Feb. 1	Sally Palmer,	74	4	14	Consumption.	Place of Birth, Billerica.
" 16	Nellie R. Stran,	..	4	1	Disease of Brain.	Daughter of Hugh and Annie.
" 18	Perez Keith,	78	11	10	Paralytic Shock.	Son of Isaac and Betsey.
" 19	Clarence M. Whitman,	21	1	26	Fever.	Son of Asa T. and Albina S.
" 23	Joseph Copeland,	65	6	..	Pneumonia.	Place of Birth, Bridgewater.
" 24	Edmund Gorman,	2	4	..	Burned.	Son of Michael and Bridget.
" 24	Sally Reed,	66	4	3	Dropsy.	Daughter of Isaac and Sally.
March 3	Lewis Chamberlain,	72	11	21	Suicide.	Son of Lewis and Rebecca.
" 14	George Mitchell,	76	1	28	Influenza.	Son of Cushing and Hannah.
" 20	Casting Otis,	59	5	17	Consumption.	Son of Melville and Sophia.
" 27	Frederick Walter Goss,	..	9	25	Dropsy.	Son of Charles H. and Emily.
April 13	Barbara Phalan,	27	..	..	Consumption.	Daughter of William and Hannah.
" 30	Maria Frances McCarter,	19	3	18	Consumption.	Daughter of Charles and Harriet.
May 3	Mary Isabel Allen,	14	7	23	Chronic Diarrhoea.	Daughter of James S. and Mary P.
" 6	Matthew O'Brien,	1	5	..	Measles.	Son of Michael and Johanna.
" 9	Sarah A. Davenport,	45	11	19	Congestion of Liver.	Wife of John E. Davenport.
" 10	Martha Harden,	68	10	9	Congestion of Liver.	Widow.
" 15	Andrew H. Reed,	36	..	..	Consumption.	Son of Oakes and Lettice.
" 18	Hannah Frances Fisher,	..	8	4	Teething.	Daughter of Benj. H. and Mary A.
" 18	Twins,	..	..	..	Still-born.	Sons of Horace W. & Emma A. Newha.
" 29	Bridget Noonan,	82	..	..	Childbirth.	Wife of Bartlett Noonan.
June 11	Reuel Lincoln,	29	3	25	Old Age.	Son of Gideon and Martha.
July 8	Harrison Whitman,	65	5	..	Apoplexy.	Son of Ezekiel and Hannah.
" 10	Samuel Snell,	88	1	2	Old Age.	Son of Polycarpus and Susanna.
" 18	Charlott F. Vosmus,	29	1	..	Consumption.	Wife of Harrison A. Vosmus.
" 20	Carrie M. Mitchell,	34	5	..	Consumption.	Wife of George T. Mitchell.
" 20	Mary Hennessy,	3	6	..	Dysentery.	Daughter of Michael and Catharine.
" 21	Josiah S. Young,	36	..	..	Phthisis.	Son of Welcome and Rolinda.
" 26	Mabel Miranda Seaver,	4	..	29	Epileptic Fits.	Daughter of Samuel L. and Lucy C.

Aug. 16	Eliza Fuller Keene,	..	2	..	Canker.	Daughter of Caleb T. and Emeline F.
" 16	Samuel Carter,	72	1	..	Apoplexy.	Birth-place, Whitefield, Maine.
" 16	Frederick A. Davis,	..	..	..	Still-born.	Son of James H. and Joanna.
" 22	Frank Russell Littlefield,	14	4	9	Intermittent Fever.	Son of R. A. and Abigail R.
" 23	Sarah B. Whitman,	64	..	25	Consumption.	Widow of Freedom Whitman.
" 25	Thomas Whitmarsh,	80	7	29	Kidney Disease.	Son of Lot and Susanna.
" 30	William Hennessy,	1	10	14	Cholera Morbus.	Son of Michael and Catharine.
" 31	Mary Lee McElroy,	1	8	14	Lung Fever.	Daughter of Matthew and Bridget.
Sept. 5	Franklin Monroe,	42	6	16	Paralysis.	Son of Benjamin and Theresa.
" 6	Horace Edward Johnson,	..	8	12	Teething.	Son of Willard and Mary T.
" 7	Lucy Bates,	75	7	20	Old Age.	Widow of Jacob Bates.
" 23	Angelina W. Allen,	38	5	8	Diabetes.	Wife of Henry Allen.
Oct. 1	Albert Colburn White,	2	2	18	Heart Disease.	Son of Benjamin M. and Mary E.
" 3	Martin Shaw,	63	6	1	Consumption.	Birth-place, South Weymouth.
" 5	Arunah T. Ford,	56	11	23	Congestion of Liver.	Birth-place, Pembroke.
" 11	Walter Henry Hobart,	21	8	1	Old Age.	Son of Henry and Mary T.
" 16	Susanna Latham,	89	2	2	Apoplexy.	Widow of Galen Latham.
" 21	David Thompson,	53	11	..	Heart Disease.	Son of Seth and Bethiah.
Nov. 15	Abby W. Cole,	36	1	12	Consumption.	Wife of Ornan M. Cole.
Dec. 13	Sumner Winslow Keene,	17	11	..	Scarlet Fever.	Son of Samuel and Rhoda V.
" 25	Ettie M. Lincoln,	5	4	11	Cancer.	Daughter of Isaac H. and Eliza M.
" 25	Thomas Blanchard,	83	5	19		Birth-place, Abington.

Number of deaths registered, . . . 54
 28 were born in East Bridgewater.
 Of American birth, 51. Of Foreign birth, 3.

J. A. ROGERS, Town Clerk.

BIRTHS Registered in East Bridgewater for the year 1869, including two not reported the previous year.

DATE-OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1868.		
April 28	Gracie Russel Grew.	Benjamin R. and Helen M.
May 6	Henrietta Hill.	Henry G. and Catharine.
1869.		
Jan. 8	Jane Alice Davenport.	Samuel and Margaret A.
Jan. 10	Margaret Griffin.	Jeremiah and Catharine.
Jan. 18	Austin Eldridge Parris.	Martin and Ella Frances.
Jan. 23	Ira Warren Dunn.	Oliver J. and Charlotte B.
Jan. 27	Angier Hayward.	Leonard H. and Emeline A.
Jan. 28	Margaret Drisland.	Patrick and Margaret.
Feb. 24	Ellen Adalaide Porter.	Francis B. and Abby A.
April 2	Lizzie Prescott Bates.	Irving and Elizabeth.
April 12	Charles Frederick Mann.	Frederick C. and Millie L.
April 17	Richard Winslow Nutter.	Isaac Newton and Anna M.
May 2	Chester Milton Jackson.	Andrew and Lizzie S.
May 4	Edith Estelle Wells.	Charles T. and Miriam.
May 8	James Perrigo Hill.	Daniel G. and Georgiana.
May 8	Katie Maguire.	Owen and Hannah.
May 14	Madge Evelyn Briggs.	Daniel and Louise Frances.
May 21	Bessie Sprague Sampson.	Albert P. and Sarah.
May 31	Alonzo Allen Pratt.	Allen P. and Lorinda.
June 16	Mary Elizabeth Quigley.	Patrick and Catharine.
June 23	Frederick Daniel Sturtevant.	Zenas W. and Jane A.
July 16	Fanny Leonard.	Hermion and Annetette.
July 21	George Everett Tisdale.	Hodijah and Isabel P.
July 25	Timothy Luddy.	Patrick and Ellen.
July 28	Catharine Noonan.	Michael and Catharine.
July 30	George Newell Ordway.	George N. and Isabel W.
Aug. 7	Jessie Holbrook Hunting.	Amos and Margaret O.
Aug. 16	Hattie Florence Sturtevant.	Frank L. and Harriet A.
Aug. 22	James O'Brien.	Andrew and Mary.
Aug. 28	George Ansel Burrell.	Jarvis and Sarah Ann.
Sept. 15	John Holbrook Shaw.	John J. and Persis R.
Sept. 19	Sarah Emily Freeman.	Theodore C. and Sarah E.
Sept. 26	Fletcher Parkhurst Wheeler.	George A. and Jennie E.
Sept. 27	James Knapp Brett.	Royal T., Jr., and Sarah P.
Sept. 28	Charlott Bertha Porter.	Isaac R. and Charlott J.
Sept. 30	Cora M. Lincoln.	Isaac H. and Emily M.
Oct. 3	Victor Watson Keith.	Benjamin W. & Helen Louisa.
Oct. 10	Annie Frances Bonney.	Charles H. and Emily A.
Oct. 16	Freddie Scott Smith.	Charles J. and Eliza Jane.
Oct. 17	Charlie Eugene & Nellie Annis,	Charles and Mary Annis.
Oct. 18	Charles Rufus West. (twins.)	George A. and Mary M.
Nov. 13	Charles Wales Rogers.	Wales and Sarah Louisa.
Nov. 16	Charlie Otis Bisbee.	Otis and Eliza W.
Dec. 3	Francis A. Chamberlain.	Francis B. and Esther T.
Dec. 4	Archie Wilkinson Edes.	Edwin and Mary E.
Dec. 6	Mary Lee Feeney.	Michael, Jr., and Mary.
Dec. 9	Hannah Cloherty.	Cornelius and Mary.
Dec. 13	Albert Bryant Edson.	Seth B. and Elizabeth D.
Dec. 22	Frederick Harvey Brown.	Henry T. and Eliza S.
Dec. 23	Michael Hennessy.	Michael and Catharine.
Dec. 28	Ida Christiana Lang.	Edwin F. and Eliza Ann.

Total number of births registered,	-	-	-	-	-	52
Of foreign parentage,	-	-	-	-	-	10
Males,	-	-	-	-	-	28
Females,	-	-	-	-	-	24

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1870.



EAST BRIDGEWATER
J. BURRELL, PRINTER, "NEWS" OFFICE.
1870.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THE Committee was organized at the beginning of the year, by the choice of E. W. Nutter as Chairman, Geo. A. Wheeler, Secretary, and F. C. Williams, Treasurer. The several schools were assigned for supervision as follows : —

To E. W. Nutter the three Primaries in the Centre, and the Curtis School ; to F. C. Williams, the Centre Intermediate and the schools in Joppa and Satucket ; and to Geo. A. Wheeler, the schools in Eastville, Northville, West Crook and Beaver.

No special assignment was made of the High School, but it has been more directly under the superintendence of the Chairman, by whom the report of it is written. The liberal appropriation made by the Town has enabled the Committee to extend the school year to forty weeks for the High School and thirty-five weeks for each of the others. At the time of writing this report the schools are still in session, having from one to three weeks each to continue.

The condition and progress of each school up to the present time are given in the following reports.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Principal, MR. GEORGE L. FAXON.

Assistant, MISS FLORENCE A. JENKINS.

The advantages resulting from the establishment of a course of study, and the adoption of a well-defined system

of classification, have been clearly shown in the working of this school during the past year. These advantages are too numerous to be fully explained in this report, but some of them may be briefly stated. Among the most important are the great saving of time made in organizing classes and arranging the studies and recitations of each, the uninterrupted progress secured, and the greater method and thoroughness with which teachers and scholars are enabled to do their work.

Under the existing regulations of the school a new class is admitted at the beginning of each year. Scholars admitted at any other time are required to pass a satisfactory examination upon the branches previously studied by the class or classes which they intend to join. Each class takes up at the beginning of the year the studies laid down for it in the course, and pursues them without intermission until they are completed. Upon the completion of a study by a class all the members undergo a written examination upon it. The questions given are prepared by the Committee, and are intended to cover the more important subjects or principles which have been studied. Those who fail to answer correctly seventy-five per cent of the questions given are either granted a specified time in which to make up for their deficiency, or are required to review the study with the next lower class.

Under the operation of this system the work accomplished by the school the past year has been thorough and extensive.

The Junior Class admitted last spring numbers twenty-nine members. The creditable examination which most of them bore upon entering furnishes gratifying evidence of the improved condition of the lower schools, and the influence which this school exerts upon them in raising the standard of attainment. Though the class have not as yet completed

any of their studies, their recitations and the general character¹ of the test-exercises they have written, are a sufficient indication of the proficiency they have made under the excellent instruction of Miss Jenkins.

The number of scholars in the Middle Class is eighteen ; in the Senior Class, eleven. Both of these classes have exhibited great earnestness in the prosecution of their studies, and given unmistakable proofs of good scholarship. The Senior Class especially have crowded into the year an unusual amount of hard work, demanding the closest application and the devotion to study of many hours out of school. Of this class seven will have completed the studies of the English course at the close of the present term, and will be entitled to receive the diploma awarded to the graduates of the school.

In addition to the other advantages enjoyed by the pupils of this school, they have had during the winter term a course of instruction in singing, under the direction of Miss Lizzie W. Keith, who deserves much credit for the interest awakened and the improvement made in this exercise.

By the generous contributions of the friends of the school, the school library has been increased during the year by the addition of more than one hundred volumes, including a complete set of the American Cyclopædia, and other valuable and much needed works. The library now contains, in addition to many books of reference, a large number of standard works of history, biography, fiction, and poetry.

In closing the report of this school, the Committee desire to express their appreciation of the ability and devotion with which its teachers have discharged the duties of their respective positions. During the two years for which Mr. Faxon has been its principal, he has labored for its interests with unremitting zeal, sparing neither time nor effort in his en-

deavor to raise it to the highest possible rank. In Miss Jenkins he has had an earnest and efficient assistant. The success which has attended their efforts must be cause for congratulation to every friend of education throughout the Town.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

[*First Term.*

Charles H. Chandler,*	Etta K. Johnson,*
William G. Ellis,*	Florence J. Kimball,* (2.)
Myron E. Hayward,*	Lillie H. Mitchell,* (2.)
Aaron H. Latham,* (1.)	Ella B. Ramsdell,*
Lewis F. Trow,*	Mary Rierdon,
Rhoda R. Alden,* (3.)	S. Maria Smith,* (2.)
Sarah W. Hewitt,* (3.)	Julia A. Whitman.*
A. Carrie Hobart,*	

Second Term.

Clarence A. Chandler,*	Kate B. Hoyt,*
William G. Ellis,*	Florence J. Kimball,* (2.)
Frank O. Keith,*	Mary A. Kingman,*
C. Herbert Lazell,* (1.)	Agnes I. Luzarder,*
Frank W. McCarter,*	Lucy A. Lyon,*
Albert B. Sampson,* (2.)	Sarah D. Lyon,*
Abbott Sanford,* (3.)	Emma R. Nash,*
Herbert L. Waterman,*	Ella B. Ramsdell,
Asa Whitman,*	Julia A. Whitman.*

Third Term.

Myron E. Hayward,*	Hattie Alden,*
George B. Hobart,*	Lucy C. Horton,*
Aaron H. Latham,* (1.)	Etta K. Johnson,*
C. Herbert Lazell,* (1.)	Edith L. Aldrich,
Frank O. Keith,*	Lillie H. Mitchell,* (2.)
Albert B. Sampson,* (2.)	Emma R. Nash,*
Abbott Sanford,* (3.)	Minnie W. Reynolds,*
Samuel H. Reynolds,* 3	S. Maria Smith (2.)
Herbert L. Waterman,*	

For the Year.

Lawrence H. Edson,*	Edward E. Wright,*
Eugene B. Estes,	Saba C. Alden,*
Zenas A. Jenkins,*	Nellie E. Benson,*
George W. Severance,*	Amelia L. Keith,*
Minot F. Severance,	Hannah H. Taft.*

NOT ABSENT EXCEPT FOR SICKNESS.

First Term.

Clarence A. Chandler,	Herbert L. Waterman,*
Frank O. Keith,*	Hattie Alden,*
C. Herbert Lazell,* (1.)	Lucy C. Horton,*
William D. Mitchell,*	Agnes I. Luzarder,*
Samuel H. Reynolds,*	Emma R. Nash,*
Albert B. Sampson,* (2.)	Imogene R. Whitmarsh.*
Abbott Sanford,* (3.)	

Second Term.

George A. Dunbar,*	A. Carrie Hobart,*
George B. Hobart,*	Lucy C. Horton,*
Aaron H. Latham,* (1.)	Etta K. Johnson,*
James W. Latham,*	Lillie H. Mitchell,* (2.)
Rhoda R. Alden,*	S. Maria Smith,* (2.)

Third Term.

Clarence A. Chandler,*	Mary A. Doody,*
William G. Ellis,*	Sarah W. Hewitt,* (3.)
James W. Latham,*	Florence J. Kimball,* (2.)
Henry C. Martin,*	Julia A. Whitman.*
Asa Whitman,*	

For the Year.

Bradford Allen,*	Mary A. Edson,*
Lucius J. Curtis,*	Florence A. Whitman.*
Charles P. Strong,*	

(1.) Absent half day during the year.

(2.) Absent one day during the year.

(3.) Absent one day and a half during the year.

Lawrence H. Edson has been neither absent nor tardy for two years ; Geo. W. Severance has not been absent during an attendance of over seven years in the public schools, and has been tardy but twice during that time ; Minot F. Severance has not been absent for three years ; Amelia L. Keith has been neither absent nor tardy for two years.

Sixty-five scholars were not tardy during the first term ; fifty-five were not tardy during the second term ; and forty-seven were not tardy during the third term.

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Miss E. L. Merriam, who had taught this school satisfactorily during the previous year, was engaged to remain for the present season ; but after teaching for four weeks, she was induced to accept a more lucrative situation in Charlestown. Her abrupt departure was against the protest of the Committee, and it caused permanent and serious injury to the school.

Mrs. C. A. Washburn then took charge of the school under unfavorable circumstances, and resisted difficulties which not even her patience and fine education, nor her devoted interest in her pupils and remarkable skill in imparting instruction, could wholly overcome.

Miss Leonard, in the Winter Term, has brought the school up to a degree of excellence in deportment, animation, and progress in the studies, which cannot be too much commended.

NOT ABSENT IN SUMMER TERM.

Emma Gardner,	Bethia Keith,
*Alice Newhall,	Augusta Reed,
Bessie Thurston,	Huldah Kingman,
Samuel Alden,	Ed. Keith,
*Elmer Smith,	*Sumner Smith,
Richmond Waterman,	Frank Wentworth.
George Perry,	

*Not tardy.

NOT ABSENT IN FALL TERM.

Laura Dickerman,
 Abby Vaughn,
 Sumner Smith,

Emma Gardner,
 Samuel Alden.

NOT ABSENT IN WINTER TERM.

*Ira Burrill,
 Bethia Keith,

Hattie Estes,
 Ed. Keith.

NOT ABSENT DURING THE YEAR.

*Dora Williams,
 *Nellie Standish,
 *Florence Trow,

*Florence Harris,
 *Henry Vaughn.

NORTH PRIMARY.

TEACHER, — Miss Dora P. Stewart. Though without the advantages of special training or previous experience, Miss Stewart yet showed at the commencement of her labors that she understood well the requirements of her position, and was fully equal to them. Deeply interested in her work, willing to give to it not merely six hours per day, but all the time it demanded, eager to acquire and quick to adopt new and better methods of teaching, her efforts to advance the welfare of her pupils have been attended with the most satisfactory results. In all the branches, the improvement made has been constant throughout the year. The classes in reading especially give evidence of excellent training, and the youngest pupils, too frequently neglected by our teachers, have received their full share of attention, being taught in addition to the usual exercise in

reading, other simple exercises which have given them pleasant occupation and made the hours of school less long and wearisome.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

*Walter Benson,
 *Burton Wentworth,
 *Cora Standish,
 *†Forrest Bean,
 *†George Southworth,
 *†George Trow,
 †Abbie Leahey,
 †Nellie Wentworth,

*James Cooper,
 Florence Chandler
 *Sarah Standish,
 *†Frank Newhall,
 *†Elmer Wright,
 †Mary Cook,
 *†Sarah Ramsdell.

Fall Term.

*Forrest Bean,
 *Frank Newhall,
 *Mary Lynes,
 *†Michael Lynes,
 *†Elmer Wright,
 *†Mary Cook,
 *†Addie Woodward,

John Cook,
 *Freddie Woodward,
 *Cora Standish,
 *George Trow,
 *†Delia Beals,
 *†Sarah Standish.

Winter Term.

*Walter Benson,
 *George Southworth,
 *Sarah Ramsdell,
 *†Freddie Woodward,

*James Cooper,
 *Mary Lynes,
 *Nellie Wentworth,
 *†Burton Wentworth.

For the Year.

*Frank Gardner,
 *Lillie Gardner,
 †Arthur Waterman,

*Sarah Flynn,
 *Ruth Tower,
 †Archie Woodward.

* Not tardy.

† Not absent except for sickness.

EAST PRIMARY.

During the summer term this school continued in charge of Miss Carrie S. Gilbert, presenting the same marks of good discipline and judicious instruction as in the two previous terms of her connection with it. Her resignation at the close of the term was accepted with regret. For the fall and winter terms the school was entrusted to the care of Miss Abbie J. Smith, whose faithful endeavors to discharge acceptably the duties of her new position have met with a good degree of success.

The progress of the classes during the year has been interrupted and greatly retarded by sickness, which prevailed to such an extent in both summer and winter as to make a suspension of the school necessary.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

First Term.

*Bennie Alden,
*John D. H. Chaplin,
*Cora F. Ellis,

†Michael Crowley,
*†Maggie Vassy.

Second Term.

John D. H. Chaplin,
*James Roach,
*Fannie G. Bean,
Alice M. Burrill,

Ella M. Norris,
Mary A. Roach,
†Ada Bean.

Third Term.

*†Bennie Alden,
*Ella M. Norris,

Mary A. Roach.

For the Year.

John F. Norris.

* Not tardy.

† Not absent except for sickness.

WEST PRIMARY.

The school was taught during the summer term by Miss Julia A. Fremont, of Amesbury, who possessed many of the qualities of a good teacher, but failed to exercise that firmness in governing which is essential to the maintenance of good order, and the thorough and systematic advancement of the pupils.

Soon after the close of the term, Miss Fremont resigned her situation, and the Committee were so fortunate as to secure for the remainder of the year the services of Mrs. Mary E. Lawrence, well known to the people of this town as an efficient and successful teacher, under whose skilful and energetic management the school has again taken the rank which it has held for several years as one of the best of our Primaries.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

First Term.

Percy Carlton,
*†Lucy Fields,

*Lucy Keith.

Second Term.

*Arthur M. Freeman,
*Lucius I. Freeman,
*Charles W. Goss,
*John A. Nevills,
*Wilmot V. Osborne,
*J. Eddie Waterman,

†Thomas O'Brien,
†James O'Brien,
*Nettie A. Freeman,
*Ellen Morey,
Emma F. Mills.

Third Term.

*Arthur M. Freeman,
*John Donahue,
J. Eddie Waterman,
Hezekiah C. Pulsifer,

†Michael Crowley,
*Nettie A. Freeman,
*Lillian E. Smith,
Emma F. Mills.

For the Year.

Dennis Morey.

* Not tardy.

† Not absent except for sickness.

JOPPA GRAMMAR.

This school has been successfully taught during the year by Mr. C. H. Dunbar, of West Bridgewater. Its order has been good, the progress of the pupils very creditable, and its management highly satisfactory. Mr. Dunbar is a fine disciplinarian, an apt instructor, and brings to his school just the energy which is as rare as it is desirable.

NOT ABSENT IN THE SUMMER TERM.

Isadore Scribner,
Ellen Perry,
Abbott Parker,

Lois Wilbar,
Fred Benson.

NOT TARDY IN SUMMER TERM.

Martha Jones,
Susan Soule,
Susan Sprague,
Lois Wilbar,
Belle Kingman,
Eliza Keith,
Gracie Swallow,
Mary Winn,
Abbot Parker,
Howard Paine,

Eldora Scribner,
Isadore Scribner,
Lucy Curtis,
Jennie Edson,
Edith Paine,
Lucie Harlow,
Fanny Kingman,
Josephine Osborne,
James Stran,
John Shaw.

NOT ABSENT IN FALL TERM.

Ellen Perry,
Herbert Pratt,

Belle Kingman.

NOT TARDY.

Susan Soule,
Ellen Perry,
Mary Winn,

Lucy Curtis,
Gracie Swallow,
Susan Sprague,

Lucy Harlow,	Belle Kingman,
Edith Paine,	Lois Wilbar,
Jennie Edson,	Fanny Kingman,
Josephine Osborne,	Mary Sites,
Lester Shaw,	W. John Wright,
Howard Paine,	Walter Benson,
Abbot Parker,	Herbert Pratt.
James Stran,	

NOT ABSENT IN WINTER TERM.

Eliza Keith,	Lois Wilbar,
Willard T. Holmes,	James Stran.

NOT TARDY.

Susan Soule,	Lucy Curtis,
Ellen Perry,	Gracie Swallow,
Mary Winn,	Lucy Harlow,
Susan Sprague,	Edith Paine,
Jennie Edson,	Belle Kingman,
Lois Wilbar,	Fannie Kingman,
Josephine Osborne,	Mary Sites,
George Sites,	Lester Shaw,
Quincy Bird,	Howard Paine,
James Stran,	Abbot Parker.
W. John Wright,	

JOPPA PRIMARY.

The Committee can only repeat the last year's report of Miss Pratt's school, and express the hope that she may long continue her invaluable services among the appreciating friends and attached pupils of her present charge. Many of her scholars have not been absent during the year, except from sickness; but epidemic diseases have been very prevalent. The following record speaks for itself:—

NOT ABSENT IN SUMMER TERM.

Susie W. Brett,	Henry Hudson,
Jennie Stran,	Henry G. Field.

NOT TARDY IN SUMMER TERM.

Susie W. Brett,	Carrie M. Brett,
Sarah E. Hudson,	James R. Hudson,
Henry Hudson,	Mary W. Kennan,
Edward H. Kingman,	Lizzie Kingman,
Chester S. Leonard,	Willie W. Parker,
Minna V. Reed,	Minnie A. Sampson,
Hollis H. Scribner,	Allan B. Shaw,
Charity E. Soule,	Mary W. Sprague,
Jennie Stran,	Annie E. Stran,
Ann Winn,	Ellen Winn.

NOT ABSENT IN FALL TERM.

Sarah E. Hudson,	Charity E. Soule.
Allan B. Shaw,	

NOT TARDY.

Susie W. Brett,	Carrie M. Brett,
Henry G. Field,	Mary G. Gardner,
Sarah E. Hudson,	James R. Hudson,
Mary W. Kennan,	Lora G. Kingman,
A. Louise Kingman,	Nettie Kingman,
Lizzie Kingman,	James Kingman,
Chester S. Leonard,	Lizzie B. Osborne,
Jane A. W. Osborne,	Isabel Paine,
Willie W. Parker,	Minna V. Reed,
Hollis H. Scribner,	Mary W. Shaw,
Charity E. Soule,	Jennie Stran,
Annie E. Stran,	Henry Stran,
Ellen Winn,	Ann Winn.

NOT ABSENT IN WINTER TERM.

Susie W. Brett,	Carrie M. Brett,
Edward H. Kingman,	Lora G. Kingman.

NOT TARDY.

Susie W. Brett,	Carrie M. Brett,
Henry G. Field,	Sarah E. Hudson,
James R. Hudson,	Edward H. Kingman,
Lora G. Kingman,	A. Louise Kingman,
Nettie Kingman,	Lizzie Kingman,
Chester S. Leonard,	Flora A. Luzarder,
Lizzie B. Osborne,	Isabel Paine,
Willie W. Parker,	Minna V. Reed,
Minnie A. Sampson,	Mary W. Shaw,
Charity E. Soule,	Mary W. Sprague,
Jennie Stran,	Annie E. Stran,
Henry Stran,	Thomas H. Toohey,
Nellie F. Toohey,	Mary C. Toohey,
Ann Winn,	Ellen Winn.

NOT ABSENT THROUGH THE YEAR.

None.

SATUCKET.

Miss H. M. Starr has kept an excellent school at Satucket during the entire year.

NOT ABSENT IN SUMMER TERM.

*Addie M. Keith,	Ann W. Harding,
Clarence White,	Susie E. Ward.

* Not tardy.

IN FALL TERM.

*L. M. Keith,	Lois M. Keene,
A. W. Harden,	S. E. Ward,
Albion S. Keith,	*E. M. Conant.

NOT ABSENT IN WINTER TERM.

*S. E. Ward,	L. M. Keene,
*E. D. Bourne,	A. S. Keith.
Clifford Keith,	

NOT ABSENT EXCEPT FOR SICKNESS.

A. M. Keith,	L. M. Keith,
E. M. Conant,	*A. W. Harden.
*G. H. Pratt,	

NOT ABSENT FOR THE YEAR EXCEPT FOR SICKNESS.

S. E. Ward,	A. W. Harden,
*Abbot F. Wade,	*Fred. Wade,
*Warren Bennett,	*E. A. Ward.

CURTIS SCHOOL.

At the beginning of the year this school was placed in charge of Mr. Frank H. Sheffield. Though young and inexperienced, leaving the position of a pupil in the High School to become the teacher of this, Mr. Sheffield gained the respect and confidence of his pupils by his gentlemanly bearing and his conscientious exertions in their behalf. These exertions were well directed, and their effect was seen in the quiet order of the schoolroom, and the steady advancement of the several classes. At the end of the

* Not tardy.

term, Mr. Sheffield asked to be released from his engagement, and his request was granted by the Committee.

He was succeeded by Miss Mary Ells, of Hanover, a lady well fitted for her work, having had much experience in teaching schools of a similar character to this. Without seeming to govern, she secures the ready obedience of her scholars, and instructs them in the various branches with such clearness and method, as to make their progress rapid and easy. The condition of the school while under her charge has been in a high degree satisfactory.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

*Adna K. Howland,	*Charlie E. Osborne.
*Alice M. Howland,	

Fall Term.

Charlie L. Seaver,	†Cyrus H. Thrasher,
*Joseph H. Howland,	*Adna K. Howland,
†Oscar C. Rumsey,	*Alice M. Howland.

Winter Term.

Frank L. Howland,	* †Oscar C. Rumsey,
Walter H. Brown,	* †Cyrus H. Thrasher.

For the Year.

†Ida F. Vosmus.

* Not tardy.

† Not absent except for sickness.

EASTVILLE.

Miss Laura E. Jerald has continued in charge of this school, with the same success that has ever attended her labors. The new schoolhouse erected during the summer has proved a paying investment. This school shows a roll of visitors larger than that of any other school in town, a fact which speaks well for the parents and friends of the scholars.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

Lucy Howe,
*Clarence Packard,
*Eddie Churchell,

*Rosa L. Pratt,
*Willie Washburn,
†Clarence Lyon.

Fall Term.

Jennie Copeland,
*Eddie Churchell,
*Levi Churchell,

Clarence Lyon,
Charlie Porter,
†Ella Vaughn.

Winter Term.

*Jennie Copeland,
*Clarence Lyon,
*Charlie Porter,
†Augusta Sturtevant,
†Eddie Churchell,

*Ella Vaughn,
*Willie Washburn,
†Margie Sturtevant,
†Herbie Vaughn,
†Levi Churchell.

For the Year.

Frank Whiting,

Lucy Copeland.

* Not tardy.

† Not absent except for sickness.

NORTHVILLE.

This school has enjoyed a year of uninterrupted success under the instruction of Miss Julia B. White, a thorough and practical teacher, whose untiring efforts have secured for her a well earned reputation. Many of the parents have shown by their frequent visits, that they feel a genuine interest in the welfare of their children.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

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| *Herbert Harden, | *Prescott Ramsdell, |
| *Ellie Ramsdell, | *John Wade. |
| †Frank Wade, | |

Fall Term.

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| *John Chamberlain, | Frank Wade, |
| *Thomas Drake, | *Timothy Drake. |

Winter Term.

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| *John Chamberlain, | Geo. Ludden, |
| *Carrie Blanchard, absent one-half day, stormy. | |

For the Year.

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| *Henry Aldrich, | *Calvin Chamberlain, |
| *Luther Chamberlain, | *Herbert Ludden, |
| †Grace Chamberlain, | Eva Pratt, |
| †Julia Hall, | *Susan Hall, |
| *Ellen Reed, | *†Susie Harden. |

WEST CROOK.

This school was intrusted to the care of Miss Hattie M. Howland, who commenced her work with an energy that promised good results, but at the close of the second term,

* Not tardy.

† Not absent except for sickness.

much to the regret of the Committee, she was obliged to resign her position.

Miss Lucretia G. Osborne was engaged for the winter term, but owing to the insubordination of some of the older scholars, she failed to maintain that discipline which is the foundation of every good school.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

*Effie M. Edes,
*†Ella J. Gaffney,
*Fannie M. Gurney,
*†Arthur H. Bonney,
*Charlie A. Cook,
*Chester R. Smith,

*Lizzie G. Edes,
†Agnes C. Gurney,
*Wm. H. Bates,
*†Everett S. Bonney,
*†Clarence D. Reed.

Fall Term.

*†Fannie M. Gurney,
*†Arthur H. Bonney,
*Charles E. Cole,

*†Agnes C. Gurney,
*†Everett S. Bonney.

Winter Term.

*†Effie M. Edes,
*Charles A. Cook,

*Wm. H. Bates,
*†Henry C. Cole.

For the Year.

*†Sabina C. Costello,
*†Anna Reed,
*†Emeline C. Smith,

*Walter L. Costello,
*Thomas W. Costello.

BEAVER.

The Committee were fortunate in re-engaging Miss Sarah G. Hinkley, who taught the school with the same success as last year. The Committee released her from her engagement near the close of the Winter Term, that she

* Not tardy.

† Not absent except for sickness.

might accept the offer of a Grammar School in Milton. Miss Hinkley was succeeded by Miss Corrie B. Wheeler, who filled the position so successfully, that the school suffered no apparent injury from the change.

NOT ABSENT IN THE SUMMER TERM.

Nellie M. Chandler,	*Laurette Curtis,
*Katy L. Doody,	*Katy Mahoney,
*Nora Mahoney,	*Emma L. Richards,
*Jane Sharp,	*John H. Doody,
*Eddie D. Marsh,	Frank O. Keith.
*Frank G. Pearson,	

NOT ABSENT IN THE FALL TERM.

*Katy L. Doody,	*Fannie I. Leach,
*Etta C. Lyon,	*Nora Mahoney,
Mary M. Thrasher,	*Hattie D. Whitman,
*Emma C. Whitman,	*Bennie F. Allen,
Barty Doody,	Baalis S. Littlefield.

NOT ABSENT IN THE WINTER TERM.

*Emma C. Whitman,	George F. Pearson,
Lewis Pearson,	*Barty Doody.

NOT ABSENT DURING THE YEAR.

*Willie P. Whitman.

*Not tardy.

GENERAL REMARKS AND SUGGESTIONS.

ATTENDANCE.

The records of the schools, as made up to the date of this Report, show an average attendance of eighty-two per cent. The Committee believe that this average could be raised to more than ninety per cent, if the parents generally would unite their efforts with those of the teachers to secure the regular attendance of their children. The practice of allowing children to stay at home from school, or to be dismissed, merely for the sake of pleasure, is quite too common, and detracts sadly from the efficiency of our schools. The scholar who is absent from even a single recitation, not only loses the benefit of that recitation, but, in a greater or less degree, impedes the progress of his class. Parents often complain that their children are not getting on fast enough in their studies, and charge the teacher with incompetence or neglect, when the true cause is to be found in their own shortsightedness, in permitting matters of secondary importance to interfere with their children's education. The Committee estimate that at least one-fifth of the money and effort expended upon our schools is wasted, in consequence of the failure of many parents to rightly appreciate and improve the educational privileges which the town affords to all the children within its limits. The Committee would suggest to the citizens of the town the propriety of taking some measures for the better enforcement of the laws of the State in regard to the attendance of children upon the

public schools, and the prevention of truancy. The number of children in town on the first of May last, between the ages of five and [fifteen years, as returned to the Committee by the Selectmen, was five hundred and ninety-seven. The largest number of children between these ages in attendance upon the schools at any time during the past year, was five hundred and twenty-one. Of the rest it is difficult to say how many do not attend school at all, or how many are obliged to work for their own support; but there can be no doubt that many of them would be brought into our schools by the enforcement of the laws referred to. The passage by the town of a set of by-laws on the subject, and the appointment of truant officers in the different sections of the town, would, in the opinion of the Committee, have the effect of increasing the attendance, and enlarging the influence and usefulness of our schools.

EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS.

The Committee believe that the teachers employed the past year have been, as a body, better qualified for their work than those of most former years. Six of the schools have continued under the teachers in charge at the close of last year, and in seven, there has been no change during the year. The vacancies which have occurred in the other schools have, for the most part, been filled without loss of time and by competent instructors. The difficulty, in a small town like this, of obtaining good teachers, and of keeping them when obtained, is little understood by those not immediately connected with the schools. The induce-

ments held out by the cities and larger towns are so much greater than those which towns of this size can offer, that we cannot expect to retain long many of the teachers who prove successful. It has been the rule of the Committee to obtain from the teachers engaged, a written agreement to remain until the close of the school year. This precaution has undoubtedly had the effect, in many instances, of preventing changes. Cases frequently occur, however, in which a small increase of the salary paid would be sufficient to secure or retain a good teacher, and in such cases the Committee believe it would be for the interest of the town to raise the pay. With a sufficient sum at their disposal with which to meet these cases, they are confident they could do the schools a great benefit.

CONDITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Of the eleven schoolhouses owned by the town, five are in a good state of repair, furnished with modern seats and desks, and in most other respects well adapted to their purpose. In this number we include the new house in Eastville, which, by its attractive appearance within and without, its excellent arrangement, and the substantial manner in which it is built, reflects credit upon the town, and testifies to the practical judgment and good taste of the gentlemen, Messrs. Alden, Hobart & Washburn, who directly superintended its erection. Of the remaining houses, not one can be said to afford proper accommodation for the use of the school which occupies it. Having undergone little change or improvement for the past twenty years, ill-

arranged, ill-furnished, and ill-ventilated, they cannot be allowed to remain much longer as they are, without an unwarrantable sacrifice of the health and comfort of the children who are compelled to pass within their walls so many hours of their daily life. All of them, with the exception of the East Primary, are of sufficient size, and could be refitted and refurnished without great expense. The annual appropriation of a thousand or twelve hundred dollars, would, in three years, put them in good condition. The Committee recommend that the town make such an appropriation the coming year, if it can be done without increasing too heavily the burden of taxation. They also recommend an appropriation of two hundred dollars for building and repairing fences around the North Primary and the houses in West Crook and Beaver.

SCHOOL REGULATIONS.

Previous to the abolishment of the districts by the town, there was an almost entire lack of system in the conduct of our schools. Modes of discipline and instruction in each school changed with every new teacher. Scholars were allowed to take up and abandon studies at their pleasure, and classes were often multiplied to such an extent as to make the recitations of little practical benefit. Under such a condition of things, the progress of the pupils was necessarily slow and uncertain. Much has since been done to remedy these defects. The establishment of the High School made it necessary to fix the qualifications for admissions and to prescribe the studies to be pursued in the

lower schools. A better system of classification has been introduced, and other measures have been taken to improve the general character of the schools. There is, however, need of doing still more in this direction. The time has come when a thorough and uniform system should be established for the government of all the schools. Regulations, embracing such a system, are in course of preparation, and it is hoped they will be completed and adopted before the beginning of the next school year.

E. W. NUTTER,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
F. C. WILLIAMS,		
GEO. H. WHEELER,		

1869-70.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Appropriation by the Town, - - -	\$5,000 00
State Fund (to be received) not less than - -	190 00
Town of West Bridgewater (to be received) not less than - - - - -	175 00
Amount available for school purposes, - -	\$5,365 00

From this sum, the following have been paid:—

TEACHING.

George L. Faxon, - - -	\$1,100 00
Florence A. Jenkins, - - -	280 00
Esther L. Merriam, - - -	64 00
C. A. Washburn, - - -	107 20
L. A. Leonard, - - -	122 40
C. H. Dunbar, - - -	350 00
M. C. Pratt, - - -	280 00
D. P. Stewart, - - -	233 20
S. G. Hinkley, - - -	248 00
H. M. Starr, - - -	280 00
L. E. Jerald, - - -	268 70
C. B. Wheeler, - - -	32 00
J. B. White, - - -	245 00
L. G. Osborne, - - -	96 00

Amount carried forward,

\$3,706 50

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$3,706 50
M. E. Lawrence,	-	-	-	\$172 00
F. Sheffield,	-	-	-	84 00
M. L. Ells,	-	-	-	172 50
Abbie Smith,	-	-	-	168 00
H. M. Howland,	-	-	-	184 00
C. S. Gilbert,	-	-	-	77 00
J. A. Fremont,	-	-	-	84 00
Luther Ames, Agent,	-	-	-	17 00
Philander Leach,	-	-	-	15 00
Whole amount for teaching,				\$4,680 00

FUEL.

John Hobart, coal,	-	-	-	\$120 00
H. Gurney, wood,	-	-	-	82 50
Harden & Latham, wood,	-	-	-	89 50
M. O. Nutter,	"	-	-	14 50
C. A. Latham, pine	"	-	-	14 63
B. C. Keith,	"	"	-	2 50
F. Wood, charcoal,	-	-	-	3 70
E. G. Lyon, wood,	-	-	-	5 00
Whole amount for fuel,				\$332 33

PREPARING FUEL.

E. E. Copeland,	-	-	-	\$2 00
J. C. Pratt,	-	-	-	16 00
J. Mahoney,	-	-	-	10 00
E. Freeman,	-	-	-	47 50
Whole amount for preparing fuel,				\$75 50

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mary E. Lawrence,	-	-	-	\$3 00
C. B. Wentworth,	-	-	-	4 00
J. R. Hudson,	-	-	-	6 00
F. Littlefield,	-	-	-	4 00
E. P. Keith,	-	-	-	16 90
G. Severance,	-	-	-	38 00
W. L. Benson,	-	-	-	1 00
M. C. Pratt,	-	-	-	3 00
J. Stran,	-	-	-	3 75
E. E. Copeland,	-	-	-	3 10
F. L. Benson,	-	-	-	2 75
B. Alden,	-	-	-	2 75
J. B. White,	-	-	-	9 00
L. E. Jerald,	-	-	-	4 12
John F. Norris,	-	-	-	2 50
H. P. Alden,	-	-	-	3 00
C. D. Reed,	-	-	-	3 00
G. Sites,	-	-	-	2 50
W. H. Brown,	-	-	-	3 00
B. Doody,	-	-	-	8 80

Whole amount for care of houses,	\$117 17
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RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount for school purposes,	\$5,365 00
Paid for teaching, - - -	\$4,680 00
“ “ fuel, - - -	332 33
“ “ preparing fuel, - - -	75 50
“ “ care of houses, - - -	117 17
Amount expended for school purposes,	\$5,205 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

M. Luby, cleaning,	-	-	-	-	-	\$25 00
D. Gurney, "	-	-	-	-	-	4 00
W. Ramsdell, "	-	-	-	-	-	1 75
M. Winn, "	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
M. Ford, "	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
M. Russell, "	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
M. Bean, "	-	-	-	-	-	1 50
D. Briggs, "	-	-	-	-	-	1 50
D. Underwood, "	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
M. C. Short, "	-	-	-	-	-	1 44
I. N. Nutter, stationery, etc.,	-	-	-	-	-	58 25
Brewer & Tileston, dictionary,	-	-	-	-	-	1 30
W. Johnson, stoves and hardware,	-	-	-	-	-	111 78
Lee & Shepard, books,	-	-	-	-	-	10 70
A. Griffin, teaming,	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
E. Freeman, repairs,	-	-	-	-	-	11 15
D. French, chairs,	-	-	-	-	-	1 60
I. H. Vosmus, lumber and labor,	-	-	-	-	-	44 20
H. Leonard, stock and work,	-	-	-	-	-	19 69
Journal Newspaper Co., advertising,	-	-	-	-	-	1 50
Lee & Shepard, American Cyclopædia,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
I. Martin & Son, Italian awning,	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
A. Hunting, acids, etc.,	-	-	-	-	-	2 58
M. A. Lewis & Co., time-piece,	-	-	-	-	-	4 25
H. B. & W. O. Chamberlain, chemicals,	-	-	-	-	-	6 20
I. Washburn, stand, etc., for chemicals,	-	-	-	-	-	3 30
C. H. Bonney, book-case, etc.,	-	-	-	-	-	25 00
I. W. Ross, Ink wells,	-	-	-	-	-	16 80
I. L. Hammett, maps,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, maps,	-	-	-	-	-	16 06

Amount carried forward,

\$408 55

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$408 55
C. G. Lazell, stock and work, -	-	-	-	52 60
E. W. Nutter, expenses, etc., .	-	-	-	1 80
W. G. Shattuck, school furniture, -	-	-	-	62 94
I. N. & E. W. Nutter, stationery, -	-	-	-	73 23
F. C. Williams, expenses of teachers, -	-	-	-	7 50
Brewer & Tileston, books, -	-	-	-	15 80
M. A. Whitman, repairs, -	-	-	-	7 50
D. Cummings, brooms, -	-	-	-	5 50
R. Healy, stock and work, -	-	-	-	19 52
I. S. Shaw, stock and work, -	-	-	-	9 81
H. A. Grow, oil, glass, etc., and work, -	-	-	-	13 55
I. E. Davenport, painting, -	-	-	-	7 81
Francis Hayward, glass and work, -	-	-	-	3 90
I. Washburn, stock and work, -	-	-	-	8 09
W. G. Shattuck, furniture, -	-	-	-	8 50
I. L. Hammett, school books, -	-	-	-	20 20
C. Wentworth, setting glass, -	-	-	-	50
J. Burrill, printing, -	-	-	-	26 25
I. Fuller, work, -	-	-	-	1 50
A. P. Sampson, express, -	-	-	-	9 35
I. S. Harding, painting, -	-	-	-	7 63
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Whole amount of incidental expenses, -	-	-	-	\$772 03
Appropriation for incidental expenses, -	-	-	-	400 00
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Excess of expenditure, -	-	-	-	\$372 03

ACCOUNT OF PAINTING AND FENCING.

Paid Dexter Brothers,	-	-	-	-	\$173 75
" I. S. Harding, painting, etc.,	-	-	-	-	129 91
" C. G. Lazell, fencing,	-	-	-	-	118 36
" Geo. Bryant, fencing,	-	-	-	-	33 05
" S. G. Alden, stock,	-	-	-	-	4 00
" O. C. Railway Co.,	-	-	-	-	1 88
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Whole amount expended,	-	-	-	-	\$460 95
Amount expended for schools,	-	-	-	-	5,205 00
" " " incidentals,	-	-	-	-	772 03
" " " fencing and painting,	-	-	-	-	460 95
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					\$6,437 98

We certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the School Committee, and find all the items duly entered and properly vouched for.

W. H. OSBORNE, }
SAML. P. ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

EAST BRIDGEWATER, February 21, 1870.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL.	Number of Pupils.			Average Attendance.			Percentage of Average Attendance.				No. under 6 years of age.	No. over 15 years of age.
	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	For Year.		
High,	70	58	57	64	56	54	91	97	94	94	—	46
Intermediate,	63	64	66	55	53	56	87	83	85	85	—	3
Joppa Intermediate,	35	33	31	29	31	28	83	94	90	89	—	6
Joppa Primary,	37	41	38	31	36	32	84	88	84	85	1	—
West Primary,	49	53	52	37	45	43	76	85	83	81	—	—
East Primary,	49	52	46	34	42	35	69	81	76	75	3	—
North Primary,	56	55	45	45	48	39	80	87	87	85	—	—
Curtis,	21	19	20	16	16	16	76	84	80	80	—	—
Satucket,	31	33	31	27	27	26	87	82	84	84	1	—
Beaver,	70	67	61	52	51	46	74	76	75	75	—	2
West Crook,	39	41	37	36	35	30	92	85	81	86	2	4
Northville,	39	40	41	31	34	27	80	85	66	77	—	1
Eastville,	42	39	48	31	29	34	74	74	71	73	2	—
	601	595	573	488	503	466	*81	*85	*81	*82	9	71

* Average.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1871.

PLYMOUTH:
W. W. AVERY'S STEAM PRESS.
1871.

TOWN OFFICERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR 1870.

Town Clerk.

JACOB A. ROGERS.

Town Treasurer,

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector,

EZRA S. WHITMARSH.

Selectmen,

JACOB BATES, ELIAB LATHAM, CHARLES H. GOSS.

Assessors,

JACOB BATES, ELIAB LATHAM, EZRA S. WHITMARSH.

Overseers of the Poor.

JACOB BATES, ELIAB LATHAM, CHARLES H. GOSS.

School Committee,

WILLIAM ALLEN, EDMUND W. NUTTER, GEO. A. WHEELER.

Auditors,

ROBERT CURTIS, WILLIAM H. OSBORNE, S. P. ALLEN.

Constables,

SIDNEY PACKARD, A. P. SAMPSON, HENRY A. GROW.

Highway Surveyors,

Dist. No. 1.	Leonard Hill.	Dist. No. 11.	Sears R. Frost.
" " 2.	A. G. Blackman.	" " 12.	Henry G. Hill.
" " 3.	Joseph Vinton.	" " 13.	J. H. Hathaway.
" " 4.	Galen Willis.	" " 14.	A. Harris Latham.
" " 5.	Francis Hayward.	" " 15.	Martin Parris.
" " 6.	Levi T. Gurney.	" " 16.	Luther Churchill.
" " 7.	A. T. Whitman.	" " 17.	Franklin Keith.
" " 8.	W. W. Hersey.	" " 18.	S. F. White.
" " 9.	Oliver Pratt.	" " 19.	N. Southworth.
" " 10.	G. W. Harden.		

Surveyors of Lumber.

WADSWORTH PHILLIPS, GEO. W. BYRAM, CHAS. H. GOSS.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.

SAMUEL B. ALLEN, GEORGE W. ALLEN.
MOSES BATES, ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Public Weighers,

SAMUEL B. ALLEN, JOHN WATERMAN.
L. WATTS RICHARDS, MERRITT JENKINS.

Fence Viewers,

CHARLES A. LATHAM, BENJ. H. WASHBURN.

Sealer of Weights and Measures,

JAMES F. McCARTER.

Field Drivers,

ALLEN WASHBURN, JOSEPH A. STEINGARDT.

Pound Keeper,

ALLEN WASHBURN.

Sexton,

SIDNEY PACKARD.

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of East Bridgewater submit for consideration a Report of the Financial condition of the Town, with the Receipts and Expenditures, from February 1, 1870, to February 1, 1871 :

STATE AID.

Deborah O. Jones,	\$96 00	Thankful O. Trow,	\$48 00
Susan E. Hall,	96 00	Lois M. Keen,	48 00
Rachel B. Underwood,	96 00	Anna H. Kingman,	48 00
Sarah C. Hudson,	96 00	Arthur H. Brown,	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter,	48 00	Jeremiah Reardon,	48 00
Betsey A. Hale,	48 00	William Reardon,	48 00
Lucy A. Morris,	48 00	Eldridge Winsor,	72 00
Mary Hudson,	48 00	Daniel W. Tribou,	72 00
Lydia A. Sylvester,	48 00	Charles L. Jones,	54 00
Eunice S. Bryant,	48 00	John Flynn,	36 00
Harriet Eddy,	48 00	Jacob D. Bonney,	12 00
Eliza F. Dyer,	48 00	Amos Morse,	9 00
Rebecca Mansfield,	48 00		
Mary S. Ripley,	48 00		\$1,455 00
Sarah B. Gould,	48 00	Amt. paid in Jan., 1870,	109 50

Amount of State Aid due from the State, \$1,564 50

Warden of Almshouse,	\$2 00	C. C. Hooper,	\$21 50
Leonard Hill,	30 75	E. Tisdale,	21 56
Rogers & Sheldon,	13 00	Francis Hayward,	12 00
N. Southworth,	12 07	Alfred Gurney,	1 25
S. G. Alden,	15 00	A. P. Young,	60
P. Whalan,	5 23	N. P. Keith,	50
P. Kaley,	2 00	B. H. Fisher,	50
James Hickey,	4 00	A. T. Whitman,	10 10
H. G. Hill,	65 62	G. W. Blanchard,	2 00
Levi W. Noyes,	8 00	Ira Drake,	5 40
George Bryant,	4 00	Levi Osborn,	2 60
M. P. Hudson,	6 50	Jotham Pratt,	90
S. G. Hoyt,	1 37	W. W. Hersey,	4 00
G. Wilder,	4 50	E. Whitmarsh,	12 00
Eliab Latham,	19 00	Lucius Harden,	4 60
E. Y. Hayward,	26 53	N. W. French,	4 00
L. T. Gurney,	23 00	B. H. Washburn,	1 40
Jacob Bates,	16 40	T. Mitchell,	11 00
Moses Bates,	20 00	B. Ward,	4 54
George R. Dyer,	10 00	Rogers & Sheldon, cinders,	25 00
Edmund F. Thayer,	11 00	S. A. Orr, gravel,	50 00
Jeremiah Lynch,	2 40	James Eaton, " "	2 22
I. N. Nutter,	6 00	Calvin Hatch, " "	1 28
Alfred Griffin,	4 20	T. G. Stetson, " "	2 16
Jotham Hicks,	3 73	N. W. French, " "	6 33
William Reed,	36 75	J. M. Perrigo, " "	2 46
C. H. Goss,	13 00	A. T. Whitman, " "	1 28
J. H. Waterman,	1 65	R. F. Copeland, " "	50
F. A. Nash,	5 08	Morton Alden, lumber,	3 00
Galen Willis,	36 29	L. Hill, " "	11 37

	\$635 12
Less than Appropriation,	487 58
Appropriation,	\$1,122 70

REMOVING SNOW.

Orders drawn for removing snow under the direction of the several Highway Surveyors,	\$385 75
Appropriation,.....	200 00
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Above Appropriation,.....	\$185 75

HOOKS, LADDERS, &c.

Paid Committee for Cash expended in erecting building and grading around same,....	\$306 50
W. Mansfield, for hooks, carriage, lad- ders, &c.,.....	400 00
Hunneman & Co., for fire buckets and boxes,	201 00
C. Wentworth, painting fire buckets,.....	25 00
O. C. & N. R. R., freight on apparatus,....	5 72
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	\$938 22
Less than appropriation,.....	561 78
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Appropriation,	\$1,500 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid J. Burrell, for printing in 1869,	\$1 25
" " " " Town Report of 1870,	139 75
J. Burrell, for printing list of streets,	4 00
" " " " Collector's tax bill blanks,	7 00
J. Burrell, for printing Assessors' and Col- lector's notices,	2 50
Rockwell & Churchill, for printing Asses- sors' notices,	2 50
T. Groom and Co. for blank books for Assessors,	3 75
I. N. Nutter, for blank books for Asses- sors,	1 67
I. N. Nutter, for blank books for Town Clerk,	2 00
I. N. Nutter, for cash paid for taxes, cost on sales for taxes, deed, &c.,	24 66
J. L. Fairbanks, for Pauper Register,	3 50
M. Bates, for services as Moderator at Annual Town Meeting,	5 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$197 58

<i>Amount brought forward</i> ,	\$197 58
Paid M. Bates, making plans for County Commissioners,	10 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, 1869, for stationery,	6 00
Isaac Kingman, setting stone monument, ..	3 25
Register of Deeds, for recording deeds, ...	2 87
Town of Hanson, for taxes of 1869-70,	1 01
L. Holbrook, for coffins for town paupers, ..	16 75
F. Hayward, digging grave for John Bell, ..	2 00
B. Ward, for damages received by defect in highway,	10 00
A. P. Sampson, for express,	75
Jacob Bates, " "	3 90
" " " blank books and stationery,	5 45
Jacob Bates, for railroad fares,	8 60
" " postage,	3 42
G. A. Wheeler, for postage and stationery, ..	5 44
J. A. Rogers, " " " express, ..	1 59
E. S. Whitmarsh, for stationery and express, ..	2 89
E. W. Nutter, for stationery,	1 10
R. F. Copeland, lumber for shed at almshouse,	5 25
Morton Alden, for lumber for Town Hall, ..	3 33
C. W. Siddall, " iron work " " ..	3 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i> ,	\$296 18

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$296 18
Paid L. P. Raymond, for labor for Town Hall, ..	1 00
J. F. McCarter, " " " " " ..	2 75
Isaac Washburn, for labor at Town Hall	6 17
Eleazer Whitman, posts for use of town, ..	6 50
Isaac Washburn, making and setting guide boards,	11 79
F. M. Kingman, painting guide boards, ..	14 00
E. Latham, posts and setting guide boards,	8 00
Harrison Vosmos, abatement of tax, 1868,	1 05
Harrison Vosmos, " " 1869,	2 28
Levi J. Bradley, " " 1869,	2 73
Blaney P. Beal, " " 1870,	7 50
John Canney, Jr., " " "	2 60
James Gallagher, " " "	2 00
Martin Murray, " " "	2 60
Patrick McGuire, " " "	2 60
Martin O'Brien, " " "	2 60
Matthew O'Brien, " " "	2 60
Michael O'Brien, " " "	3 13
Zadoc Sturtevant, " " "	2 60
Edward B. Curtis, " " "	2 00
Samuel J. Hoyt, Jr., " " "	2 60
Joseph Pettingill, " " "	2 60
Cushing White, Jr., " " "	2 60
Samuel Bates, " " "	2 00
Francis P. Sturtevant, " " "	4 40
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$396 88

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	<i>\$396 88</i>
Paid John Flynn, abatement of taxes, 1870,	2 60
James McClintock, " " "	1 53
Michael Morey, " " "	2 60
David Duane, " " "	2 60
Samuel French, " " "	2 60
Henry A. Osborne, " " "	2 00
Francis C. Bryant, " " "	2 60
Bartley Noonan, " " "	2 60
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	\$416 01
Less than appropriation,	483 99
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Appropriation,	\$900 00

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid Jacob Bates for services as Selectman,	
Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, . .	\$298 00
Eliab Latham for services as Selectman,	
Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, . .	176 00
Charles H. Goss for services as Selectman,	
and Overseer of the Poor,	20 00
Ezra S. Whitmarsh for services as Assessor,	178 00
William Allen for services as School Com-	
mittee,	42 00
Edmund W. Nutter for services as School	
Committee,	60 75
George Wheeler for services as School	
Committee,	67 37
Jacob A. Rogers for services as Town	
Clerk,	51 70
Isaac N. Nutter for services as Treasurer,	110 00
Ezra S. Whitmarsh, " Collector,	146 65
Sidney Packard, " Constable,	26 50
Henry A. Grow, " " "	17 00
Sidney Packard, " Sexton,	95 50
S. G. Alden for services as Committee on	
School House, Eastville, *	5 00
Moses Bates for services as Committee on	
Roads,	2 50
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	\$1,296 97
Appropriation,	900 00
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Above appropriation,	\$396 97

GUIDE BOARDS.

Repairs and renewals of a large number of Guide Boards in town, at former locations, have been made during the year, and additional ones erected at the corner of Bedford and Central Streets, and Plymouth and Bridge Streets.

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid for State Aid to families,	\$1,455 00
building and repairing Roads, Bridges	
and Culverts, under the direction	
of the Selectmen, and materials	
for the same,.....	635 12
removing Snow,.....	385 75
Hook and Ladder apparatus and house	
for same,.....	938 22
incidental expenses and abatement of	
taxes,	416 01
town officers and committees,.....	1,296 97
support of poor in Almshouse,	1,142 28
out of Almshouse,...	1,042 50
support of Schools,	5,385 76
school incidentals,.....	825 32
repairs on school houses, fences, &c.	1,059 60
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	\$14,582 53
Amount expended by the several Highway Sur-	
veyors,.....	2,589 75
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Total expenditures,.....	\$17,172 28

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1871.

For support of schools,.....	\$5,500 00
school incidentals,.....	600 00
building roads, bridges and culverts, and	
repairs on same,.....	3,500 00
removing snow,	300 00
support of the poor;.....	2,000 00
incidental expenses and abatement of taxes,	800 00
payment of town officers and committees,..	1,000 00
discount on taxes,.....	900 00
payment of town debts and interest,.....	3,375 00
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	\$17,975 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds due April 1st, 1871,	\$400 00
“ 1st, 1872,	2,100 00
“ 1st, 1873,	2,500 00
Oct. 1st, 1873,	2,000 00
“ 1st, 1874,	500 00
“ 1st, 1875,	1,800 00
“ 1st, 1876,	1,900 00
“ 1st, 1877,	1,600 00
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	\$12,800 00
Interest on Town Bonds due April 1st, 1871,..	409 76
Outstanding orders,	147 62
Unsettled accounts, (estimated,).....	125 00
Note held by S. A. Orr, M. D.,	650 00
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	\$14,132 38

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	\$1,221 22
Due from E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, 1870,...	312 43
“ State for State Aid,	1,564 50
Amount due from State on unsettled accounts of previous years(estimated,).....	700 00
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	\$3,798 15
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Total indebtedness of the town,.....	\$10,334 23

TOWN MEETING.

Copy of Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Meeting to be held March 13, 1871, at one o'clock, P. M. :

ARTICLE 1.—To chose a Moderator, to preside in said meeting.

ARTICLE 2.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3.—To hear the Reports of the Town Officers and Committees which are to report to this meeting, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4.—To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges, the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5.—To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges, and such sums as may be thought proper, to pay Town debts and interest, the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6.—To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7.—To see if the Town will authorize their Collector to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8.—To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 9.—To act on a list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10.—To act on the report of the committee chosen to procure hooks and ladders, &c. and adopt such measures as may be deemed expedient for the extinguishment of fires.

ARTICLE 11.—To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for building and repairing school houses, and for furnishing the same. (*By request.*)

ARTICLE 12.—To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to purchase land adjoining the High School grounds, and complete the grading of the same. (*By request.*)

ARTICLE 13.—To see if the Town will purchase of the Town of West Bridgewater the portion of the Beaver School property owned by said Town. (*By request.*)

ARTICLE 14.—To see if the Town will adopt a code of truant laws, choose officers to enforce the same, and fix their compensation. (*By request.*)

ARTICLE 15.—To see if the Town will vote to build a Town Hall, or to enlarge and remodel the present one, and to procure additional seats for the same. (*By request.*)

ARTICLE 16.—To see if the Town will vote to petition the legislature to change its corporate name, and see what action the Town will take to carry into effect any vote which may be passed on the subject. (*By request.*)

LIST OF JURORS.

The following is a list of Jurors for the consideration of the Town, to be acted upon at the annual meeting, March 13, 1871.

George W. Allen,	John W. Kennon,
Irving Bates,	Nathan Kingman, 2d,
Moses Bates,	Samuel Luzarder,
Daniel T. Blanchard,	Frederic C. Mann,
Charles H. Brown,	Francis A. Nash,
Luther Churchill, Jr.,	Isaac N. Nutter,
Warren K. Churchill,	Martin Parris,
Elijah L. Clark,	John B. Porter,
Pliny Edson,	J. Henry Potter,
Edward F. Field,	David Pratt,
William G. Field,	John T. Pratt,
Caleb Goss,	William Ramsdell,
Charles Griggs,	Calvin Reed,
Albert Harden,	Wales Rogers,
Edward Y. Hayward,	Minot C. Shaw,
Francis Hayward,	Samuel Shaw, Jr.,
William W. Hersey,	Nahum B. Smith,
Henry G. Hill,	Martin Sumner,
John Hobart,	John B. Thayer,
Ellis W. Holmes,	Joseph Vinton,
Mark P. Hudson,	John Waterman,
Franklin Keith,	Benjamin M. White,
George M. Keith,	William E. Whitman,
Robert C. Keith,	George A. Wright.
Samuel Keith,	

JACOB BATES,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
ELIAB LATHAM,	
CHARLES H. GOSS,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>East Bridgewater.</i>

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 1, 1871.

DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

To Inventory, Feb. 1, 1870,	\$2,844 58	
Salary of Warden from Feb. 1,		
1870, to Feb. 1, 1871,	300 00	
Dr. S. A. Orr, for medical attend-		
ance,	25 00	
Cash from Town Treasury,	906 50	
	<hr/>	\$4,076 08

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By Inventory, Feb. 1, 1871,	\$2,917 80	
Cash paid into the Town Treasury, 16 00		
	<hr/>	\$2,933 80
Cost of supporting the Poor at the Almshouse, 1,142 28		
	<hr/>	\$4,076 08

Whole number of paupers during the year, . . 19	
Average number of paupers " " " . . 13.4	
Present number at Almshouse, 13	
Number of travellers lodged, 16	
Average cost per week for support, \$1 63.5	

PRESENT INMATES OF THE HOUSE.

Harriet F. Parris,	35	years of age.
James M. Gurney,	53	" " "
Winslow C. Bailey.....	88	" " "
Calvin Eaton,	71	" " "
Polly Herrick,.....	80	" " "
Zilpha A. Bouldry,.....	30	" " "
Thomas H. Bouldry,	12	" " "
Nathaniel S. Bouldry, Jr.,	11	" " "
Carleton Bouldry,	10	" " "
Augustus E. Bouldry,	8	" " "
James Bouldry,.....	6	" " "
Thaddeus M. Bouldry,	5	" " "
Owen F. Bouldry,.....	3	" " "

DISCHARGED FROM THE HOUSE DURING THE
YEAR.

Roland V. Bouldry.

DIED IN THE HOUSE DURING THE YEAR.

Freddie E. Bouldry,
John Bell.

EXPENSES OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Paid for aid to Mrs. L. P. Osborne and children,	\$144 00
Mrs. A. M. Vickery “ “	19 50
Mrs. Andrew H. Reed “	106 00
Mrs. L. Keith, Jr., “ “	5 00
Mrs. Deborah Bates and child,	100 00
Mrs. Alfred Worthington “	12 75
Mrs. Nehemiah White,	74 00
Mrs. Herman Washburn,	52 00
Mrs. Melissa Mitchell,	31 00
Mrs. Mary C. Joyce and child,	144 00
Misses J.S. and M.P. Washburn,	20 25
Miss Lucina Mitchell,	52 00
Miss Sybil P. Dunbar,	52 00
Orrin Parris and family,	110 15
John Bell,	2 00
Reuben Shaw,	48 00
Family of Luther Wade,	2 50
Paid the State Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, for sup- port of Nathaniel S. Bouldry, from Jan. 1, 1870, to Jan. 1, 1871,	211 35
<i>Amount cacried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,186 50</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,186 50
Deduct amount paid by the Town of Abington for aid to Mrs. Mary C. Joyce and child,	144 00
Expense of supporting the Poor out of House,	\$1,042 50
“ “ “ “ at the “	1,142 28
	<hr/> \$2,184 78
Appropriation,	2,000 00
Over appropriation,	<hr/> \$184 78

JACOB BATES, } *Overseers*
 ELIAB LATHAM, } *of*
 CHAS. H. GOSS, } *the Poor.*

East Bridgewater, Feb. 1, 1871.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION FOR 1870.

Real Estate,	\$937,145 00
Personal,	320,979 00
Total,	<u>\$1,258,124 00</u>

Polls, 827.

STATE, COUNTY AND TOWN TAX.

State Tax,	\$3,550 00
County Tax,	1,783 92
Town "	15,100 00
Add for convenience,	91 94
	<u>\$20,525 86</u>
Tax on 827 Polls at \$2 each,	\$1,654 00
" " \$1,258,124 at \$15 on the \$1,000,	18,871 86
	<u>\$20,525 86</u>
Amount returned by Highway Surveyors,	422 70
Committed for Collection,	<u>\$20,948 56</u>

HIGHWAY TAX.

Raised by Town,	\$3,000 00
Add for convenience,	12,45
	<u>\$3,012 45</u>
Tax on 827 Polls at .60 each,	\$496 20
" " \$1,258,124 at \$2 on the \$1,000,	2,516 25
	<u>\$3,012 45</u>

Number of acres of land taxed,	10,961
houses taxed,	588
horses "	311
cows "	504
sheep "	14

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of Schools,	\$5,000 00
School incidentals,	600 00
Removing snow,	200 00
Highways,	700 00
Support of Poor,	2,000 00
Incidental expenses,	900 00
Payment of Town Officers,	900 00
Discount on taxes,	900 00
Payment of Town debt,	2,500 00
Repairs on school-houses,	1,200 00
“ “ “ fences,	200 00
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	\$15,100 00

E. S. WHITMARSH,	} <i>Assessors</i>
ELIAB LATHAM,	
JACOB BATES,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>East Bridgewater.</i>

February 1st, 1871.

This is to certify that we have this day carefully examined the above account, and find it a correct abstract of the valuation.

ROBERT CURTIS,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
SAM'L P. ALLEN,	

East Bridgewater, Feb. 20, 1871.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN.

DR.

Balance, as by previous report,	\$1,505 63
Cash of Rev. F. C. Williams, Treas'r of School Committee.	15 70
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, balance on tax of 1869,	365 65
Town of Abington, aid to Mrs. M. C. Joyce,	132 00
Town of West Bridgewater, for school purposes,	178 25
W. R. Sever, County Treasurer, on dog licenses,	131 68
Willard Johnson, money borrowed, ..	500 00
J. A. Rogers, Town Clerk, deposited,	190 00
Zebina Keith, money borrowed,	200 00
Timothy L. Drake, taxes, etc.,	20 75
Market Nat'l Bank, money borrowed,	3,500 00
Sidney Allen, for plank,	40
State Treasurer, State aid refunded,	1,500 00
Corporation tax, ..	410 50
Dr. S. A. Orr, money borrowed,	650 00
State Treasurer, proportion of school fund,	266 88

Cash of Allen Washburn, Warden,.....	16 00
Town of Abington, aid to Mrs. M. C. Joyce,.....	144 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector,	19,884 68
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	\$29,612 12

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By paid Town notes for money borrowed,....	\$4,390 00
interest on same,	72 07
Town bonds,	2,785 00
interest on same,	887 90
County tax,.....	1,783 92
State tax,	3,550 00
State aid orders,.....	1,451 00
Town " "	6,194 58
School orders,.....	7,270 68
" " outstanding Feb. 1, '70,	5 75
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	\$28,390 90
Cash on hand,	1,221 22
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	\$29,612 12

ISSAC N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

E. BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 14, 1871.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 16, 1871.

This is to certify that we have examined the above account, and find the items thereof properly entered and vouched for.

ROBERT CURTIS, }
SAML P. ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

Since making the above report I have received of E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, \$312 43, being balance due Town on tax of 1870.

ISAAC N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

E. S. WHITMARSH, *Collector.*

DR.

Tax Committed,	\$20,948 56
Interest collected,	77 00
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	\$21,025 56

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Paid Treasurer,	\$20,197 11
Discount on tax,	828 45
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	\$21,025 56

E. S. WHITMARSH, *Collector.*

Having examined the accounts of E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector of Taxes, we find that he has collected the whole commitment, and has paid the same to the Treasurer.

ROBT. CURTIS, }
 SAM'L P. ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 18, 1871.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL AGENT.

I took charge of the Town Hall in April, 1870.

Received of I. N. Nutter, former Agent,	\$6 34
Temple Lodge K. O. S. C., for use of Hall to Feb. 1, 1871, .	34 00
Received for use of Hall for political conven- tions, parties, &c.,	49 00
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	\$89 34

EXPENSES.

June, 1870.

Paid for cleaning the Hall,	\$2 00
Repairs on windows, doors, chande- lier, &c.,	8 95
lamp chimneys,	63
J. F. McCarthy,	59 00
Kerosene oil,	4 86
J. Hobart, for coal,	9 25
W. Johnson, for dippers,	12
Balance in Agent's hands,	4 53
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	\$89 34

J. A. ROGERS, *Agent*.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Thirty-two Marriages were registered in East Bridgewater in 1870.

THE RECORD.

Date of Marriage.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence of each.
Jan'y 2, 1870.	Frank Warren Newhall, and Mary Augusta Soule, both of East Bridgewater.
9,	Patrick Carroll, and Bridget Foley, both of East Bridgewater.
23,	William B. Hathaway of East Bridgewater, and Ellen P. Graves of East Weymouth.
30,	Ornan M. Cole and Flavilla Libby, both of East Bridgewater.
Feb'y 2,	David Sewall Brigham of East Bridgewater, and Elizabeth Williams, of Richmond, Ind.
4,	Hugh Stran and Ann Redding, both of East Bridge- water.
16,	Henry S. Chubbuck of Wareham, and Lizzie W. Tripp, of Bridgewater.
April 13,	William Green of East Bridgewater, and Dora J. Brown of Harwich.
May 16,	Frank Smith, and Alice Gertrude Bates, both of East Bridgewater.
22,	Asa W. Whitman, and Maria A. Pratt, both of East Bridgewater.
June 1,	America E. Stetson of Abington, and Mary C. Hill of East Bridgewater.

Date of Marriage.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence of each.
June 12,	William G. Ramsdell and Ella Albina Whitman, both of East Bridgewater.
15,	Samuel Davis Keene of East Bridgewater, and Eg- lantine Doane Chase of Harwich.
Aug. 16,	Florencius Justin Jones, and Mary Elizabeth Sar- gent, both of East Bridgewater,
20,	John T. Macomber, and Annie J. Hazlett, both of East Bridgewater.
Sept. 11,	George T. Mitchell of East Bridgewater, and Maria A. Benson of Abington.
29.	Arthur P. Alden, and Lorelia V. Dickerman, both of East Bridgewater.
Oct. 9,	Thomas Mahoney of East Bridgewater, and Hannah Noonan of Canton.
19,	John Campbell Owens of Trenton, N. J., and Maria Kingman of East Bridgewater.
23,	Albion L. Ramsdell and Hattie C. Fisher, both of East Bridgewater.
26,	William H. Stetson of Pembroke, and Delia F. Cary of East Bridgewater.
Nov. 6,	Augustus W. Blanchard of East Bridgewater, and Lizzie C. Freeman of Pembroke.
24,	Henry F. Porcheron and Adaline A. Edson, both of East Bridgewater.
24,	John A. Jackson of East Bridgewater, and Abby K. Wade of North Bridgewater.
27,	Henry Allen, and Arlotha M. Shaw, both of East Bridgewater.
Dec. 11.	John B. Enos of Nantucket, and Julia A. Morse of East Bridgewater.

Date of Marriage.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence of each.
Dec. 24,	De Wit C. Barker of Hanson, and Angelia F. Hobart of East Bridgewater.
25,	Morton Alden, and Adaline Frances Trow, both of East Bridgewater.
25,	Henry M. White of Abington, and Josie M. Bates of East Bridgewater.
25,	George C. Hobart of East Bridgewater, and Lucy O. Howland of Hanson.
27,	Charles Henry Goss, and Abby Grinnell Barrell, both of East Bridgewater.
27,	Joseph Wendell Holmes, and Elizabeth A. Huntington, both of East Bridgewater.

Thirty-seven Marriage Certificates were issued from this Office during the year 1870.

J. A. ROGERS, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS Registered in East Bridgewater in the year 1870, including four not reported the previous year.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1869.		
Jan. 16	Bradford Bates Waterman.	John H. and Mary H.
Jan. 17	Frederic Scott Keith.	William F. and Anna.
Feb. 17	Walter Etheridge Whitman.	Joseph M. and Lizzie D.
July 26	Jane Adelaide Osborne.	Henry A. and Emily J. L.
1870.		
Jan. 1	Anna Neville.	Andrew and Elizabeth.
Jan. 13	Arthur Clifton Churchill.	Luther Jr. and Juliaett.
Jan. 14	Sarah Holbrook Williams.	Francis C. and Mary G.
Jan. 14	Kaufman Rosenfeld.	Gustavus and Jettie.
Jan. 20	Minnie Starr Bates.	Albert and Lucretia L.
Jan. 25	Bartlett Smith.	Jason and Eliza A.
Jan. 31	Lucy Holmes Thrasher.	Daniel W. and Adrianna.
Feb. 3	John Foley.	Colman and Bridget.
Feb. 6	John Bernet Quigley.	O'Brien and Julia.
Feb. 14	Florence A. Wright.	Thacher and Margaret.
Feb. 16	Nellie Frances Young.	Andrew P. and Almira F.
March 9	Arthur Cyrus Howard.	Cyrus and Lydia H.
March 18	Charles Williams Waterman	Melzer and Lucy Jane.
March 19	Florence Atlanta Dunbar.	Horace P. and Ellen F.
March 29	Charles Allen Douglass.	George A. and Flavilla F.
April 4	Ella Gertrude Thayer.	Edmond F. and Abbie A.
April 24	Nettie Louise Rogers.	Henry B. and Mary E.
May 7	William Edward White.	Edward A. and Catherine.
May 20	Quincy Randall Stetson.	Thomas G. and Frances L.
May 27	Fred Williams Thompson.	Lysander M. and Sarah M.
June 11	Effie L. Nash.	Francis A. and Kezia L.
June 25	David Welch.	Patrick and Margaret.
June 26	Mary Porter Allen.	James S. and Mary Porter.
July 6	Florence Fuller Keene	} Twins. Caleb and Emeline Frances.
July 6	Flora Frances Keene	
July 15	Katie Vinn.	Frank and Catherine.
July 25	Michael Kent.	Phillip and Margaret.
July 27	Mary Etta Foley.	Peter and Hannah.
July 29	Frank Warren Cook.	Joseph and Nancy A.
Aug. 3	Nellie Curtis Wade.	Robert and Eliza A.
Aug. 9	Harriet Aurilla Lakin.	Charles J. and Julia E.
Aug. 22	Albert Edward Edson.	Albert C. and Elizabeth.
Sept. 18	John Maguire.	Owen and Hannah.
Sept. 20	Edith Soule Harwood.	Henry V. and Hattie A.
Sept. 22	Charlotte Josephine Newton	John C. and Sarah J.
Oct. 15	Bridget Carroll Feeney.	Michael Jr. and Bridget.
Oct. 15	Willie Weston Brainard.	William S. and Aroline A.
Oct. 16	Thomas Henry Norris.	Patrick and Bridget.
Oct. 22	— — Hobart.	Aaron Jr. and Agnes M.
Nov. 9	— — Young.	Robert and Emma L.
Nov. 20	Herbert Ware Paine.	Timothy O. and Agnes
Nov. 25	Lester Everett Morey.	William L. and Cynthia A.
Nov. 27	Grace Hartwell Porter.	Francis B. and Abbie A.
Nov. 29	George Davis Meigs.	William J. and Sarah W.
Dec. 2	John Morey.	James and Mary
Dec. 3	Herbert Clark.	Andrew and Celia Maria.
Dec. 12	Michael Gorman.	Michael and Bridget.
Dec. 17	Roy Studley Hayward.	Josiah E. and Sarah Jane.
Dec. 21	Chas H. Leach.	Alonzo W. and Charlotte.
Dec. 22	Fred L. Soper.	John S. and Lavina H.

Total number of births in 1870—50. Males 28, females 22. Of foreign parentage, 14.
J. A. ROGERS, Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER IN 1870.

DATE.	NAME.	YRS.	MOs.	DYS.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH, ETC.
Jan. 7	Asaph Whitmarsh.	76	3	12	Paralysis.
Jan. 11	Margaret S. Cross.	89	9	..	Widow. Cancerous humor.
Jan. 19	Helen Maria Ellis.	42	3	17	Wife of Waterman Ellis. Consumption.
Jan. 21	Sarah L. Kenyon.	33	4	10	Wife of Joseph Kenyon. Heart disease.
Jan. 23	Nathan Chamberlain.	70	5	..	Heart disease.
Feb. 23	John Hickey.	18	..	..	Rheumatic fever.
March 7	Simeon Sturtevant.	6	6	7	Scarlet fever.
March 12	Francis Cary.	80	11	12	Influenza.
March 14	J. William French.	1	11	11	Lung fever.
March 18	Sabina Ramsdell.	69	1	9	Heart disease and paralytic shock.
March 19	Temperance Keith.	80	..	14	Typhoid pneumonia.
March 21	Betsey Whiting.	72	8	26	Pneumonia.
March 26	Hariet M. Pearson.	42	3	8	Pneumonia.
March 27	Salome Smith.	62	9	3	Pneumonia.
March 30	Elvira Dickerman.	52	..	7	Chronic inflammation.
April 5	Hannah E. Neal.	43	9	..	Widow.
April 16	Twins.	..	..	2	Died in Boston.
April 23	Samuel G. Alden.	60	7	11	" " Children of William Alden.
April 27	Lizzie G. Brown.	1	9	..	Caused by sickness and mental depression.
May 6	Freddie E. Bouldry.	1	2	7	Daughter of James W. and Sarah J.
May 11	Abigail Keith.	89	7	10	Son of Nathaniel and Sylpha A.
May 13	Samuel P. Newhall.	80	11	17	Widow.
May 25	William H. Keith.	30	1	24	Birth-place, Charlestown.
May 29	Mary Porter Allen.	38	11	..	Son of Lewis and Asaba.
June 3	James S. Perkins.	36	1	4	Wife of James S. Allen.
June 8	Kingman.	..	..	1	Son of Hosea and Betsey H.
June 20	Estes.	..	..	1	Son of Otis and Helen M.
June 23	Deborah Blanchard.	89	9	22	Daughter of Sherman and Abbie R. Widow.

LIST OF DEATHS.—CONTINUED.

June 24	Abbie W. Hersey.	41	14	Consumption of the blood.	
June 27	Abby R. Estis.	28	15	Child-birth.	Wife of Sherman Estis.
July 2	Helen Franklin Monroe.	..	2	Congestion of lungs.	Daughter of Franklin and Jennie A.
July 9	Mary K. Gross.	74	8	Paralysis.	
July 9	Isabella White.	79	8	Fever.	Widow.
July 11	Helen F. Peterson.	33	10	Consumption.	
July 11	Parlee Keth.	78	1	Consumption.	
July 17	Margaret Robinson.	69	1	Dropsy.	Widow.
July 19	Mary O'Neil.	45	..	Pneumonia.	Wife of Stephen O'Neil.
July 23	Benjamin O. Ellis.	20	8	Drowning.	Son of B. F. and Caroline, of Taunton.
August 7	John Mahoney.	87	..	Old age.	
August 12	Wallace Rust.	76	3	Apoplexy.	A native of Exeter, N. H.
August 12	Martin Whiting.	73	4	Heart disease.	
August 16	Polly B. Drake.	73	6		
August 17	Willie V. Poole.	1	6	Cholera infantum.	Wife of Timothy Drake.
Sept. 2	Esther Shaw Curtis.	5	4	Dysentery.	Son of Lawrence V. and Susan H.
Sept. 5	Lucia M. Keith.	5	3	Scarletina.	Daughter of Minot S. and Abbie E.
Sept. 7	John E. Gallagher, Jr.	16	11	Consumption.	Daughter of Thomas and Nellie F.
Sept. 11	Charles E. H. Reed.	..	3	Inflammation of bowels.	Son of John E. and Catherine.
Sept. 11	Charles Short.	65	..	Old age.	Son of Timothy K. and Eunice S.
Sept. 18	Elmer G. Whitmarsh.	18	1	Typhoid fever.	Son of Simeon G. and Mary B.
Sept. 22	Mary Rebecca Bonney.	3	6	Congestion of lungs.	Son of George A. and Mary M.
Oct. 3	Charles Rufus West.	..	11	Cholera infantum.	
Oct. 3	John Bell.	59	4	Dropsy.	Daughter of James S. and Mary P.
Oct. 24	Mary Churchill Allen.	..	4	Marasmus.	Wife of Abner L. Alden.
Oct. 29	Betsey A. Alden.	58	..	Pneumonia.	
Nov. 21	Mary Murphy.	73	..	Old age.	
Nov. 29	Betsey G. Jenkins.	63	3	Slow fever and Bronchitis.	Wife of Merritt Jenkins.
Dec. 9	John Mahoney.	..	7	Teething.	Son of James and Julia.
Dec. 23	Betsey J. Aldrich.	33	1	Consumption.	Widow.

Number of deaths registered, 58. Of American birth, 54; of foreign birth, 4. 28 were born in East Bridgewater.
Average age, 42 years, 4 months and 18 days.
J. A. ROGERS, *Town Clerk.*



REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.

PLYMOUTH:
W. W. AVERY'S STEAM PRESS.

1871.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee met March fifteenth, and organized by choosing G. A. WHEELER, Chairman and Secretary, and E. W. NUTTER, Treasurer. The schools were assigned as follows :

To E. W. Nutter, Center Intermediate, East, North and West Primary schools; to William Allen, Curtis, Satucket and Joppa Intermediate and Primary schools; to G. A. Wheeler, the schools at Eastville, Northville, West Crook and Beaver.

While no special assignment was made of the High School, it has been under the more immediate supervision of Mr. Allen, who has written the report of it.

The Committee entered upon their duties at once, with what success the subjoined reports will show :

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. GEORGE L. FAXTON, *Principal*.

Miss FLORENCE A. JENKINS, *Assistant*.

Miss ELIZABETH W. KEITH, *Teacher of Music*.

The benefits of a thorough and complete system of classification have been very plainly seen during the past year. In the earliest years of the school there were as many as twenty-three recitations daily ; now there are but twelve. The whole course of studies embraces four years. Ample time is given each of the four classes of the school for a thorough investigation of the subject presented in every lesson. Those scholars who are preparing for College are thoroughly drilled in the particles of the Greek and Latin Languages, so that a most satisfactory preparation for the University is here being made. The same may be said of the study of the French Language, and all departments of the English course, no predominance being given to any one study, but the same accuracy and attention are required in each class.

The frequent use of "Test Lessons" and written examinations keeps in mind the ground already passed over, and experimental illustrations assist in a thorough comprehension of all subjects presented, in the higher English branches. The Library, whose number of volumes is still increasing, is a constant source of most substantial pleasure.

Through exertions of the pupils, sums of money were raised by entertainments given, subscriptions, etc., and used as follows: \$80 78, to defray the expenses of chemical apparatus procured last year, which was a valuable addition to the property of the school; to pay the remainder of the debt for the organ, \$70 78; a new set of singing books was purchased for \$16 50; and \$216 raised for the improvement of the grounds around the school building previous to the "Bee" in the autumn, which amounted to the value of \$30 in work. During the term recently closed \$17 worth of chemicals was purchased and a quantity of philosophical apparatus, which latter bears a debt of \$80 to be cancelled by the pupils during the coming year.

The E. Carver Co. very kindly presented the school with the balance of \$75 70 on a bill due them for work on the book case purchased during the year before.

Much credit is due to the pupils who have been so anxious to assist the school by their own earnings, rather than have the expense incurred by the Town; not even was the salary of the Music Teacher left to be paid from the Town Treasury; and the pupils hope to regularly pay that debt in future.

The average attendance for the year is worthy of note as showing what a strong degree of interest is felt by the pupils. The attendance is in advance of that of last year, although the prevalence of sickness has much affected

the state of the other schools. During the first term the average attendance was larger than the whole number of pupils for any previous year.

A half day spent in the school, while in session, gives tangible proof of the excellence of the work, and the perfect regularity and order of every arrangement. The benefit of having graduate teachers already working satisfactorily in our lower grades of schools, is appreciated as carrying the same excellent system of instruction into a larger circle; and those who are preparing for business life here acquire that technical knowledge which is indispensable to success.

What, then, while taking into consideration all these invaluable benefits, can we say in praise of our teachers if not this: that we have here the best investment which we could have made.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT DURING THE

First Term.

Clarence A. Chandler,*	Edward E. Wright,*
Bartholomew Doody,*	Nellie E. Benson,*
Lawrence H. Edson,*	Lizzie E. Brigham,*
Preston G. Edson,*	Sabina E. Costello,*
Eugene B. Estes,*	Mary A. Edson,*
Myron E. Hayward,*	Susan E. Hall,*
Aaron H. Latham,	Sarah W. Hewitt,*
James W. Latham,*	Lucy A. Lyon,*

*Not tardy.

Abbott Parker,*
 Herbert E. Pratt,*
 Clarence D. Reed,*
 Samuel H. Reynolds,*
 Albert B. Sampson,*
 Minot Severance,*
 Lewis F. Trow,*
 Herbert L. Waterman,*
 Asa Whitman.*

Sarah D. Lyon,*
 Mary L. Mills,*
 Lillie H. Mitchell,*
 Edith Paine,*
 Ella B. Ramsdell,*
 Minnie W. Reynolds,*
 Hannah H. Taft,*
 Florence M. Trow,*
 Julia A. Whitman.*

Second Term.

Frederic L. Benson,*
 Lucius J. Curtis,*
 Bartholomew Daody,*
 Preston G. Edson,*
 Eugene B. Estes,*
 Frank O. Keith,*
 Aaron H. Latham,*
 James W. Latham,*
 C. Herbert Lazell,*
 Henry C. Martin,*
 Abbott Parker,*
 Herbert E. Pratt,*
 Clarence D. Reed,*
 Abbott Sanford,*
 Minot F. Severance,*
 Herbert L. Waterman,*
 Edward E. Wright,*
 Saba C. Alden,*

Nellie E. Benson.*
 Ina L. Burrill,*
 Hattie J. Estes,*
 Susan E. Hall,*
 Lucy H. Harlow,*
 Sarah W. Hewitt,*
 Anna C. Hobart,*
 Lucy A. Lyon,*
 Sarah D. Lyon,*
 Mary L. Mills,*
 Martha F. Osborne,*
 Anna M. Reed,*
 Minnie W. Reynolds,*
 Susan E. Sprague,*
 Hannah H. Taft,*
 Mary M. Thresher,*
 Florence M. Trow.*

*Not tardy.

Third Term.

Frederic L. Benson*,	Asa Whitman,*
George A. Dunbar,*	Edward E. Wright,*
Frank O. Keith,*	Saba C. Alden,*
James W. Latham,	Ina L. Burrell,*
C. Herbert Lazell,*	Mary L. Mills,
Henry C. Martin,	Lillie H. Mitchell,
Herbert E. Pratt	Edith Paine,*
Albert B. Sampson,*	Hannah H. Taft,*
Abbott Sanford,*	Florence M. Trow,*

For the Year.

James W. Latham,	Mary L. Mills,
Herbert E. Pratt,	Hannah H. Taft,*
Asa Whitman,*	Florence M. Trow,*
Edward E. Wright,*	

*Not tardy.

During the 1st Term, 77 were not tardy.

"	"	2d	"	64	"	"	"
"	"	3d	"	47	"	"	"

Master Edward E. Wright and Miss Hannah H. Taft have not been absent or tardy for two years.

There were few absences during the first and second term which were not for sickness. Most of those of the third term have been for sickness and the stormy weather. I have, therefore, not given the list of those absent for sickness only.

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

At the beginning of the year, this school was again placed in charge of Miss Laura A. Leonard, whose efforts to improve its condition had been so successful during the previous term.

The large number of scholars admitted from the Primary schools rendering it necessary to employ an assistant teacher, Miss Emma R. Nash, a graduate of the High School, was engaged in that capacity, and has remained throughout the year, discharging her duties to the acceptance of the Committee.

Under the excellent management of Miss Leonard, the school has enjoyed a high degree of prosperity and taken a higher rank than it has ever before held. The discipline enforced has been such as to secure good order and submission to authority from all the members of the school, and the instruction has been of the most thorough kind, the several classes having creditably accomplished the full amount of work prescribed.

A few weeks before the close of the winter term, Miss Leonard asked to be released from her engagement, in order that she might accept the offer of a situation in another town, at a much larger salary, and her request was granted, though with reluctance. The school has since

been under the charge of Miss Harriet Holbrook, a teacher of several years' experience, and has received as little detriment as possible from the change.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

Florence Chandler,*	Percy B. Carleton,*
Florence Harris,*	Fred E. Flynn,*
Katie C. Holmes,*	Richard E. Hobart,*
Susie H. Holmes,*	Willie E. Hodgson,*
Lucy H. Keith,*	George L. Southworth,*
Emma Mills,*	Willie C. Woodward,
Ruth E. Tower,*	Archie K. Woodward,*
James W. Brigham,*	Richmond N. Waterman,*
George S. Brigham,	

Fall Term.

Lucy A. Field,*	Forest Bean,*
Florence Chandler,*	Percy B. Carleton,
Bethia Keith,*	Hezekiah C. Pulsifer,
Huldah H. Kingman.*	Willie C. Woodward,
Susie H. Holmes,*	Archie K. Woodward.

Winter Term.

Florence Harris,*	Michael Crowley,* 1st,
Forrest Bean,*	Walter Judkins.*

For the Year.

Lillie A. Gardner,* not absent,	Lizzie Jones,* 5 days sick,
Nettie W. Freeman,* 1 day sick,	Ellen A. Reed,* 3 days sick,

NORTH PRIMARY.

Teacher, MISS DORA P. STEWART.

In common with the other Primaries, this school is making a marked improvement each year, a change which is due to the better system of classification, the superiority of the new text-books, and the more rational modes of government and instruction which have been introduced. During the past year, Miss Stuart has devoted herself to her work with the same earnestness which characterized her efforts last year, and with equally good results. The record of attendance shows a good average for the summer and fall terms, but the breaking out of scarlet fever among the pupils about the middle of the winter term made a suspension of three weeks necessary, and the attendance has since* been much below the average.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE.

Summer Term.

Warren Wentworth,* not absent	Lydia Jenness, 2 days absent.
Mary Lyons,* not absent,	Abbie Leahey,* 2 " "
Annie Maguire,* not absent,	Maggie Leahey,* 2 " "
Nellie Wentworth,* not absent,	Russell Sturtevant,* 1½ "
Addie Woodward,* " "	Frank Maguire,* 2½ days sick,
Butler Jenness, 2 days absent,	Sarah Ramsdell,* 1 " "
Delia Beals, 2 " "	

*Not tardy.

Fall Term.

Mary Lyons,* not absent,	Frank Maguire, 1½ days sick,
Mary Sturtevant,* not absent,	Elmer Wright,* ½ “ “
Addie Woodward,* “ “	Warren Wentworth, 3½ ds. sick,
Grace Hobart, 1 day absent,	Alice Barrett,* 2½ days sick,
Lizzie Macomber,* 1 day absent,	Annie Maguire, 1 “ “
Nellie Wentworth,* 1 day “	

Winter Term.

Eddie Ellis,	Sarah Ramsdell,* ½ day sick,
Elmer Wright* 1 day sick,	

For the Year.

Frank Gardner,* not absent,	Frank Newhall, 5½ days sick,
Sarah Flynn,* 4 days absent,	Freddie Woodward, 4½ ds. sick,
James Cooper, 5 “ sick,	Arthur Waterman, 5 “ “
Berton Wentworth, 7½ ds. sick,	Cora Standish,* 7 days sick,
Mary Cook,* 8½ days sick,	Mary Perry,* 6 “ “
Alice Hayward, 3½ days sick,	Sarah Standish,* 17 days sick.

*Not tardy.

EAST PRIMARY.

Teacher, Miss ABBY SMITH.

This house should not be allowed to remain another year in its present state, for it is, in every respect, unfit for its purpose. Here are nearly fifty children crowded into a room barely large enough to accommodate half that number, occupying seats constructed a quarter of a century ago and designed for pupils of a larger growth, forced to breathe over and over again impure air, and subjected in the winter season to alternate heat and cold. Under such conditions proper mental training is impossible, and much of the teacher's labor is necessarily wasted. Though her task the past year has been by no means an easy one, Miss Smith has endeavored to make the best of her situation, and the progress made by her pupils has been greater than could have been reasonably expected.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE.

Summer Term.

Patrick O'Brien,* not absent,	Harry Young, 2 days absent,
Ella M. Norris,* " "	Mary Desmond, 2 " "
Eddie W. Ellis,* 2 days, "	Jennie Keith, 2 " "
Willis Gorman, 2 days, "	

Fall Term.

Eddie W. Ellis,* not absent,	Willie Gorman, $\frac{1}{2}$ day absent,
Ada Bean,* " "	Harry Young, 1 day "
Annie Keith,* " "	Alice M. Burrell,* 1 day "
Ella M. Norris,* " "	Kate Desmond, $\frac{1}{2}$ " "
Ellen M. Bird, " "	Mary E. Fuller, 2 days "
Frank A. Bird, $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	

Winter Term.

Frank A. Bird, not absent,	Lizzie F. Cook, 2 days absent,
Alice M. Burrell,* not absent,	Mary E. Fuller,* 1 day "
Carrie R. Cook, 1 day " "	Edith M. Hale,* 2 days "

For the Year.

John F. Norris,* not absent,	Julia Keeley,* 3 days absent,
Bennie Alden, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days "	Lucy A. Kingman, $1\frac{1}{2}$ ds. absent-
James Roach, $3\frac{1}{2}$ " "	Mary A. Roach, 2 " "
Fannie G. Bean,* $2\frac{1}{2}$ ds. absent.	

*Not tardy.

WEST PRIMARY.

Teacher, Miss AMELIA L. KEITH.

Few teachers succeed as well in their first school as Miss Keith has done in this. Entering upon her work with a clear conception of what was to be accomplished, she has adapted well the means to the end, securing good order by a mild but firm discipline, and leading her pupils along in their studies by easy and natural steps. The examination of the first class at the close of the year was very satisfactory, showing that they had received thorough instruction and were well qualified to enter the Intermediate School.

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE.

Summer Term.

Lizzie F. Clark, not absent,	Wm. M. Duane, $\frac{1}{2}$ day sick,
Ellen C. Morey, " "	Alice M. Goss,* 2 days "
J. Eddie Waterman, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	Phida M. Keith, 1 day "

Fall Term.

Wilmot V. Osborne, not absent.	Lizzie F. Clark,* 3 ds. sick.
Jennie E. Dean,* " "	H. Emeline Edson,* $1\frac{1}{2}$ ds. "
Carrie E. Dean, " "	Alice M. Goss,* $3\frac{1}{2}$ days "
Charles W. Goss,* $\frac{1}{2}$ day "	Ellen C. Morey,* $\frac{1}{2}$ day "
James O'Brien, $\frac{1}{2}$ " "	Cora J. Ripley,* 1 day "
J. Eddie Waterman, 1 " sick.	Mary L. Smith,* $\frac{1}{2}$ day "
Chas. Waterman,* 3 " "	

*Not Tardy.

Winter Term.

Jennie E. Dean,* not absent.	J. Eddie Waterman, 3 w. sick.
Carrie E. Dean,* “ “	James O'Brien, 1½ days “

For the Year.

John Donahoe, ½ day.	Dennis Morey, 4 days sick.
Arthur M. Freeman, 2 days.	John Morey, 1 day.
Lucius E. Freeman, 3½ days.	Thomas O'Brien, 2½ days sick.
Frank Mitchell, 1 day sick.	

*Not Tardy.

JOPPA INTERMEDIATE.

This school was instructed during the summer and fall terms by Miss Lizzie A. Durgin, of Loudon, N. H. An experienced teacher, she had formed a clear system of instruction, and labored diligently to advance the scholars in the different branches pursued; but there seemed to exist from the beginning of her work here a prejudice against her, some apparently supposing her cold and unsympathizing towards her pupils, although it seemed to members of the Committee, at visits to the school, that she exercised a kind spirit towards her charge, and good progress was made by many of her scholars. At the close of the fall term, Miss Durgin resigned her office here, to accept a more lucrative situation in another town, and was succeeded in the winter term by Miss Charlotte E. Eaton, of Dedham, who, although inexperienced in instruction, brought ample testimonials of good scholarship and energy. She proved herself an amiable and devoted teacher, and the improvement of a majority of the pupils was respectable.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

Susie W. Brett,*
 Bella Kingman,*
 Mary Kennan,*

Charity E. Soule,*
 Quincy Bird,
 Howard Paine.

*Not tardy.

Fall Term.

Quincy Bird,

Howard Paine,

Winter Term.

Jennie S. Edson,*

Walter L. Benson,

Ellen B. Perry*

William C. Sampson,

Lois F. Wilbar,*

*Not tardy.

JOPPA PRIMARY.

The experience and success of Miss Mary C. Pratt, of West Bridgewater, as an educator here have been so often and so highly commended, that there seems little need of a lengthened statement of her work the past year. It is always refreshing to step into such a busy, cheerful workshop as is here to be seen, where affection, industry and progress reign. It may suffice to say that the former reputation of the school was fully sustained.

NOT ABSENT THROUGH THE YEAR.

Ruth E. Tower*

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

Carrie M. Brett,*	Isabel Paine,*
Lizzie Kingman,*	Nettie Kingman,*
Minnie T. Reed,*	Henry G. Field.*

Fall Term.

Carrie M. Brett,*	Chester S. Leonard,*
Isabel Paine,*	Arthur Knapp.
Minnie A. Sampson,*	

Winter Term.

Henry G. Field,*	Jennie Strann,
Isabel Paine,*	Annie E. Strann.
Minna V. Reed,*	

*Not tardy.

SATUCKET.

The committee were fortunate in obtaining the services of Miss Ida M. Pratt, of North Middleboro, as the teacher of this school. During the summer term the seats and desks were uncomfortable, and the house in a dilapidated condition, but the teacher and the scholars exerted themselves to the utmost, and success attended their efforts. During the summer vacation the house having been thoroughly renovated, the autumn term began under happy auspices, and the wisdom of the expenditure made in this case by the town was evident from the happiness which such outward comforts bestowed. The aptness to teach manifested by the instructress, her dignity of manner and firmness, secured the obedience of the pupils. The order of the school was excellent throughout the year, and at the close of the winter term, the large number of parents and friends present at the examination attested the interest felt in its success. The pleasures of this occasion were heightened by declamations, compositions and singing. A library of valuable Reference Books, obtained by the subscriptions of the people in this part of the town, has been commenced. This beginning, although not large, has already proved beneficial. We trust that the number of its volumes, and its usefulness, will increase.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

Ann W. Harden,*	Everett Brown,†
Pauline M. Keith,*	Albion Keith,†
Lois M. Keen,*	Clifford Keith,†*
Sarah L. Bottomore,†*	Prescott Pratt,†*
Edith M. Conant,†*	Charlie Ransden,†
Angenette Hoyt,†*	Abbott Wade,†*
Susie E. Ward,†*	Calvin A. Wade,†*
Lucy D. Wade,†*	Clarence White,†*
Warren Bennett,†*	Ellen Ward,†
William Bottomore,†*	

Fall Term.

Edith M. Conant,*	Albion S. Keith,†*
Ann W. Harden,*	Annie L. Lang,†*
Pauline M. Keith,*	Prescott Pratt,†*
Lois M. Keen,*	Charlie Ransden,†*
Lucy D. Wade,*	Frank Thompson,†*
Sarah L. Bottomore,†*	Calvin A. Wade,†*
Angenette Hoyt,†*	Fred M. Wade,†*
Clifford Keith,†*	

Winter Term.

Sarah L. Bottomore,*	Lucy D. Wade,†*
Ann W. Harden,*	Stafford I. Keith,†
Lois M. Keen,*	Clifford Keith,*
Pauline M. Keith,*	Calvin A. Wade,*
Angenette Hoyt,*	Clarence White,*
William Bottomore,*	Ellie Ward,*
Everett Brown,*	Fred Wade,*
Frank Gane,*	Susie E. Ward,†*
Edith M. Conant,†*	

*Not Tardy.

†Not absent except for sickness.

CURTIS'.

This school, which was successfully taught two terms of the preceding year by Miss Mary L. Ells of Hanover, was continued through the past year under the care of the same teacher, whose affectionate regard for her pupils, combined with decision and a constant aim to promote their highest welfare, has given the school room a cheerful air at each visit of the committee. The average attendance of the scholars has been good, and their progress commendable.

The school house needs thorough repairs to meet the demands of the times; and we hope that the town will see fit to make an appropriation for this purpose at the next annual meeting.

NAMES OF SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

Alice M. Howland,*

Oscar C. Rumsey,*

Adna K. Howland,*

Charlie L. Seaver,*

Charlie E. Osborne,*

Ida F. Vosmus.*

*Not Tardy.

Fall Term.

Frank L. Howland,*	Hattie C. Sampson,
Adna K. Howland,*	Cyrus H. Thrasher,*
Alice M. Howland,*	Ida F. Vosmus,*
Oscar C. Rumsey,*	Joseph H. Howland.*

Winter Term.

Cyrus H. Thrasher.*

For the Year.

Cyrus H. Thrasher,†	Frank L. Howland.†
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*Not Tardy.

†Not Absent, except for sickness.

BEAVER.

This school has been under the care of Miss Corrie B. Wheeler, whose excellent discipline and thorough instruction have fully maintained the reputation which it has enjoyed in years past. Owing to the large number of pupils, the committee employed as assistant, Miss Lottie K. Richards, who has performed her duties promptly and faithfully.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

Bela Hayward,	Bartie Doody.*
Elmer Keith,	Nellie Emerson,*
Frank Keith.*	Agnes Littlefield,*
Frank Pearson,*	Julia Mann,*
Arthur Webber,*	Nora Mahoney,*
Nellie Chandler,*	Fannie Richards.*

Fall Term.

Edith Emerson,*	John Doody,*
Lizzie Emerson,*	John Herrick,*
Etta Lyon,*	Elmer Keith,*
Bertha Nash,	Baalis Littlefield,*
Jennie Tirrell,*	Arthur Webber,*
Hannah Welch,*	

*Not Tardy.

Winter Term.

Agnes Littlefield,*	Walter Kingman,*
Katie Mahoney.*	Baalis Littlefield,*
Nora Mahoney,*	Frank Pearson,*
Agnes Nash,	Jennie Tirrell,*†
John Doody,	Emma Richards.†
John Herrick,*	

For the Year.

Polly Hayward,	Charlie Littlefield,*
Fannie Leach,*	Willie Whitman, for two years
Emma Whitman,*	

*Not tardy.

†Not absent, except for sickness.

NORTHVILLE.

Miss JULIA B. WHITE, *Teacher.*

Miss White's labors have met with the same success as last year, the order of the school has been good and the instruction thorough and practical. With a new and well furnished house, we believe that the teacher could accomplish at least one-fourth more than in the present ill constructed and ill furnished building.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT

Summer Term.

Luther Chamberlain,
Ellie Ramsdell,
Frank Wade,
John Wade,

Carrie Blanchard,
Lizzie Blanchard,
Lizzie Humble,
Edith Reed.

Fall Term.

Luther Chamberlain,†

Willie Chamberlain,†

†Not absent, except for sickness.

Winter Term.

Arthur Brown,*
 Willie Chamberlain,
 Herbert Harden,

George Ludden,
 Edgar Ramsdell.

For the Year.

Susie Harden,
 Julia Hall,
 Ellen Reed,
 Lottie Brown,†
 Herbert Ludden,†

Henry Aldrich,†
 Ira Aldrich,
 Calvin Chamberlain,†
 John Chamberlain.

*Not tardy.

†Not absent, except for sickness.

WEST CROOK.

Miss HATTIE A. COBB, *Teacher.*

Under Miss Cobb's faithful and efficient discipline, this school has performed a work creditable alike to pupils and teacher. The recitations of the scholars, their deportment in school and out, and the neatness and good order of the school property in and around the house, fully attested the care and energy which the teacher had devoted to her work.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

Willie Bates,*†	Leonard Wood.*
George Bonney,*	Minnie Cook.*
Sumner Peterson,*†	Lizzie Edes,*†
Charles A. Cook,*	Agnes Gurney,*
Thomas W. Costello,*	Fannie Gurney,*
	Nellie Noyes,*

Fall Term.

Leonard Wood,*	Minnie Cook,*†
Thomas W. Costello,*†	Nellie Noyes,*†
Jennie Whitman.*	

*Not tardy.

†Not absent, except for sickness.

Winter Term.

Willie Bates,*

Sumner Peterson,*†

Charles A. Cook,*†

Ella J. Gaffney,

For the Year.

Charles E. Cole,*†

Walter L. Costello,*†

Emeline J. Smith.*†

EASTVILLE.

Miss Laura E. Jerald was engaged as teacher for another year, but at the close of the first term, her health failing, she was obliged to resign the position she had so long filled. Her place was supplied by Miss Lucy J. Blackmon, of Canton, who discharged her duties to our entire satisfaction.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT.

Summer Term.

Edith Hathaway,*

Eddie L. Churchill.*

*Not tardy.

†Not absent, except for sickness.

Fall Term.

Thomas H. Bouldry,*	Herbie Edson,*
Nathaniel S. Bouldry,*	Herbert L. Vaughn,*
Carleton Bouldry,*	Walter E. Vaughn,*
James Bouldry,*	E. Scottie Whitmarsh,*
Augustus Bouldry,*†	Willie Sears Washburn.*
Levi P. Churchill,	

Winter Term.

Nathaniel S. Bouldry,	Andrew Sturtevant,*
Augustus Bouldry,*	Joshua Sturtevant,
Willie Copeland,†	Willie Sears Washburn,
Eddie L. Churchill,*	E. Scottie Whitmarsh,*
Dana F. Edson,*	Frank S. Whiting,

For the Year.

Jennie L. Copeland,†	Lura Whitmarsh,*
Lucy M. Copeland,†	Mamie J. Whitmarsh *

*Not tardy.

†Not absent, except for sickness.

GENERAL REMARKS.

While the past year has been one of prosperity to nearly every school in town, much remains to be done before our schools can take the rank they should. The attendance should be more regular; we regret to say that truancy is too frequent and seriously injures the progress of the schools. The committee have recommended before, and they now earnestly urge the town to adopt a code of truant laws, and choose the proper officers to enforce them. This, it is the *duty* of the town to do, as will be seen by reference to the General Statutes of the Commonwealth :

“ Each city and town shall make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning habitual truants, and also concerning children wandering about in the streets or public places of any city or town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, between the ages of seven and sixteen years; and shall also make all such by-laws respecting such children as shall be deemed most conducive to their welfare and the good order of such city or town; and there shall be annexed to such by-laws suitable penalties, not exceeding twenty dollars for any one breach; *provided*, that such by-laws shall be approved by the superior court sitting in any county in the Commonwealth.”

General Statutes, Chap. 207, Sec. 1.

It is to be regretted that many children are retained at home to work, by parents who are not pressed by poverty. Few if any of the parents in this town are so poor as to actually require the aid of their children to obtain a living; and where such is the case, it is far more honorable to apply to the town for aid, than to rob children of their natural rights. It has been remarked by an eminent jurist that "the father who neglects to educate his son or have him skilled in some useful calling, defrauds the community of a useful citizen and bequeaths to it a nuisance." Parents who entirely neglect the education of their children violate the law and are liable to prosecution and punishment.

"Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years shall annually during the continuance of his control send such child to some public school in the city or town in which he resides, at least twelve weeks if the public schools of such city or town so long continue, six weeks of which time shall be consecutive; and for every neglect of such duty the party offending shall forfeit to the use of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if it appears upon inquiry of the truant officers or school committee of any city or town or upon the trial of any prosecution that the party so neglecting, was not able, by reason of poverty to send such child to school or to furnish him with the means of education, or that such child has been otherwise furnished with the means of education for a like period of time, or has already acquired the branches of learning taught in the public schools, or that his bodily or mental condition has been such as to prevent his attendance at school or application to study for the period required, the penalty before mentioned shall not be incurred." *Gen. Statutes, Chap. 41, Sec. 1.*

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

At the last annual meeting, the town appropriated twelve hundred dollars for refitting the school houses at Satucket and Northville. The former was thoroughly repaired and refurnished, and is now nearly, if not quite as good as new; but a careful examination of the latter showed that its proportions and size were not adapted to the wants of the school, while the yard was so small that the scholars were forced to use the public highway as a play ground.

To repair the building and enlarge the yard would cost nearly as much as the erection of a new house on a new location, and we trust this will be done during the ensuing year. In addition to this, the Joppa, Curtis, East and North Primary houses need a thorough refitting, and in connection with each of the three latter, and also that in Beaver, a substantial wood house should be built. The committee feel that the time has come when all the school property should be put in good condition, and they believe that strict economy will justify them in recommending an appropriation for that purpose. These houses will have to be repaired during the next five years: why not do it now and have the people of the different parts of the town accommodated and satisfied?

Some of the schools have acquired considerable property for themselves. The High school has raised seven hundred dollars which have been expended in books, apparatus and furniture, besides two hundred and fifty dollars which have been laid out in grading and beautifying the grounds around the building. The Center Intermediate has obtained singing books and secured the services of a music teacher.

The Eastville school under the management of its former teacher, Miss Jerald, has acquired some fifteen dollars worth of articles for school use. At Satucket a small Library of choice books for reference has been secured, and at Beaver one hundred and seventy-five dollars have been raised for the purchase of an organ, which adds much to the beauty of the singing, which has always been an attractive feature of the school.

It is time the town took some action in regard to the school property at Beaver. The town of West Bridgewater owns two-fifths of the property, which they are ready to sell to this town. We ought either to purchase their share or resign the management of the school to the committee of that town their proportional part of the time. This frequent change in the management must result to the disadvantage of the school, and we hope some decisive action will be taken at the next annual meeting.

EMPLOYMENT OF TEACHERS.

Every year we are subjected to the loss of one or more good teachers who are drawn from us by the liberal offers of other towns. The highest pay received by the teacher of any school below the grade of High, is but three hundred and fifteen dollars, while most of them receive but two hundred and eighty, and some less than that. Other towns offer them five hundred dollars for the same work, and as a matter of course they ask to be relieved from their engagements that they may accept such liberal offers. The girls in our manufacturing shops earn more than the teachers in our schools, yet it cost the latter time, money, hard work, and often deprivation, to fit themselves for the performance of that which is always a hard, and too often a thankless task.

Men pay more to those who hew their wood and draw their water than to those who instruct their children. This is not right, nor even profitable. We cannot afford to loose our best teachers each year; we cannot afford to incur the risk of constantly employing strangers. Either we must employ a poorer grade of teachers, shorten our school year, or increase our appropriation for schools. The first course we know would be objectionable to all parents who have the welfare of their children at heart.

It remains then to choose between the two alternatives,—more money or shorter school terms. We ought to increase our appropriation five hundred dollars to maintain our schools where they now are. While this may slightly increase the rate of taxation, let us not forget that an ignorant unthinking population, is the most grievous tax ever imposed upon a town, county or state.

G. A. WHEELER,	}	<i>School Committee.</i>
E. W. NUTTER,		
WILLIAM ALLEN,		

FINANCIAL REPORT.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation by the Town,.....	\$5,000 00
Received from State Fund,.....	266 99
Town of W. Bridgewater,	214 85
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Whole amount available,.....	\$5,481 73

From this sum the following bills have been paid :

TEACHING.

George L. Faxon,	\$1,100 00
Florence A. Jenkins,	342 00
Harriet Holbrook,	18 00
Laura A. Leonard,.....	279 00
Harriet Holbrook,	36 00
Emma R. Nash,	120 50
Amelia L. Keith,	244 30
Dora P. Stewart,	245 00
Abby Smith,	245 00
Lizzie A. Durgin,.....	200 00
Charlotte E. Eaton,	80 00
Mary C. Pratt,	280 00
Ida M. Pratt,.....	280 00

<i>Amount carried forward,.....</i>	<i>\$3,469 80</i>
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<i>Amount brought forward,....</i>	\$3,469 80
Mary L. Ells,.....	259 50
Laura E. Jerald,.....	94 50
Lucy J. Blackmon,.....	168 00
Julia B. White,.....	262 50
Hattie A. Cobb,.....	280 00
Carrie B. Wheeler,	280 00
Lottie K. Richards,	52 80
Town of Bridgewater, schooling,...	19 16
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Whole amount for teaching,.....	\$4,886 76

CARE OF HOUSE.

E. B. Estes,.....	\$13 00
Henry C. Martin,.....	2 00
H. L. Waterman,	8 25
Minot F. Severance,.....	2 25
G. L. Faxon,.....	7 00
Edwin P. Keith,.....	3 75
Samuel Barrett,.....	1 00
Henry L. Southworth,.....	2 75
Samuel Alden,.....	2 00
Walter L. Benson,	70
Mary Evans,.....	10 00
Archie Woodward,.....	2 50
Mich'l Reirson,.....	4 50
Berton Wentworth,	1 65
Frank Gardner,.....	2 75
John Donohue,.....	3 50
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<i>Amount carried forward,....</i>	\$67 60

<i>Amount brought forward,....</i>	\$67 60
John F. Norris,.....	1 00
Benj. Alden,	2 50
Henry Hudson,.....	6 10
J. R. Hudson,	1 00
Edwin H. Kingman,.....	1 00
L. A. Durgin,.....	2 00
Walter L. Benson,	5 50
C. Arthur Wade,.....	5 00
B. Warren Bennett,	2 25
Frank L. Howland,.....	7 20
L. E. Jerald,	2 60
Scott Whitmarsh,	2 60
Julia B. White,	9 00
Hattie A. Cobb,	7 45
John Doody,	10 00
Willie Copeland,	2 25
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Whole amount for care of house,.....	\$135 05

FUEL.

John Hobart, coal,.....	\$81 75
Henry Gurney, wood,	107 00
Chas. A. Latham, "	8 00
Josiah S. Pope, "	8 00
Eliab Latham, "	15 00
M. O. Nutter, "	9 50
Mark P. Hudson, "	56 00
Martin Bosworth, charcoal,	1 60
T. F. Wood, "	1 20

Whole amount for fuel,..... \$288 05

PREPARING FUEL.

Enoch Freeman,.....	\$43 40	
Jotham C. Pratt,.....	32 50	
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Whole amount for preparing fuel,....		\$75 90

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount for school purposes,.....	\$5,481 73	
Paid for teaching,.....	\$4,886 76	
“ “ care of houses,	135 05	
“ “ fuel,	288 05	
“ “ preparing fuel,.....	75 90	
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Am't expended for school purposes,	\$5,385 76	

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation,.....	\$600 00	
Brewer & Tileston, school books, etc.....	\$39 21	
S. B. Allen, “ “	4 08	
J. L. Fairbanks, record book, etc,.....	13 50	
I. N. Nutter, school books, etc.....	70 91	
J. Burrell, record books,	47 60	
Wm. Henshaw, book,	1 00	
John L. Shorey, spellers,	23 52	
J. L. Hammett, maps, etc.,	44 27	
H. A. Dickerman, “ “	14 75	
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Amount carried forward,.....		\$258 84

Amount brought forward,..... \$258 84

Rand, Avery & Frye, diplomas,.....	25 00
J. H. Merriam, seal, etc.,.....	8 15
Daniel Cummings & Co., brooms, etc.,.....	7 62
Carter Bros., ink,.....	9 00
Thompson, Bigelow & Brown, erasers,.....	3 00
F. H. Poole, envelopes,.....	1 25
J. W. Ross, ink wells,	6 30
E. W. Nutter, wrapping paper, etc.,.....	1 40
J. Burrill, printing,.....	11 75
C. C. Roberts, "	1 50
H. L. Waterman, copying,.....	2 00
W. Johnson, stoves, etc.....	71 56
M. A. Lewis & Co., clocks,.....	35 75
C. H. Pease, curtains,	1 68
Burdett & Williams, locks, etc.	4 27
M. G. Shattuck, desks,.....	88 60
A. P. Sampson, express,.....	8 45
G. L. Faxon, bookcase,.....	5 00
Morton Alden, lumber, etc.....	4 00
Oakes S. Soule, "	35 65
E. Carver Co., planks, etc.	14 38
Otis Bisbee, "	8 27
Eliab Latham, posts, ...	6 80
H. G. Goodrich, blackboards,	27 75
Hermon Leonard, setting glass,.....	80
William Allen, advertising, etc.....	2 50

Amount carried forward,..... \$651 27

<i>Amount brought forward</i> ,.....	\$651 37
Sam'l J. Hoyt, labor, etc.....	7 82
H. A. Grow, painting and glazing,.....	16 75
Jas. G. Knapp, repairs,	25
Edwin F. Lang, "	25
Lewis F. Trow, work,	1 00
G. W. Severance, "	3 00
S. L. Washburn, plastering,.....	3 00
J. A. Whiting, "	4 00
J. H. Potter, repairing clocks,.....	3 75
S. R. Newhall, repairs,	19 14
Isadus Fuller, "	9 60
Benj. Siddall, "	17 50
F. Hayward, "	2 77
John Waterman, teams,	3 75
I. N. Nutter, "	50
E. B. Iron Co., carting,.....	6 00
Nath'l Southworth, "	5 00
F. Griffin, "	4 00
Waldo Hayward, "	5 00
Mrs. Winn, labor,.....	2 00
Sam'l Barrett,	50
William Green, storage,	1 00
S. B. Edson, keys,	85
Amos Hunting, soap, etc.....	2 57
Mary O'Brien, cleaning,.....	8 75
Mrs. P. Barrett, "	9 50

Amount carried forward,..... \$789 52

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$789 52
Sam'l Barrett, cleaning,	2 00
M. Russell, "	3 00
J. Thurlow, "	3 00
Mrs. John Cook, "	6 75
R. Underwood, "	2 50
C. Beal, "	4 00
A. M. Vickery, "	2 00
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Amount for incidentals,	\$825 32

BUILDING AND REPAIRING FENCES.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
Paid I. N. Nutter, posts,	\$10 60
Morton Alden, "	1 65
Lucius Inglee, pickets,	45 00
Charles H. Goss, stringers,	47 60
W. Johnson, nails, etc.	7 78
Sam'l R. Newhall, labor,	10 50
Isadus Fuller, "	3 00
Ezra F. Fuller, "	15 00
Benj. Siddall, "	39 00
Wm. Reed, "	7 50
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Whole amount expended,	\$187 63

REFITTING SATUCKET SCHOOL HOUSE.

Oaks S. Soule, lumber,	\$240 55
J. E. Waterman, lime and hair,	17 60
W. Johnsons, sinks, etc.	40 09
Burditt & Williams, hooks, etc.	4 34
Southworth & Noyes, window weights, ..	3 45
Benj. Siddall, work and team,	57 00
Sam'l R. Newhall, labor,	45 00
Isadus Fuller, "	36 00
Ezra F. Fuller, labor and lumber, ..	75 30
Alfred Bottomore, " work and team, ..	7 20
George W. Wildey, labor,	5 00
Enoch Freeman, "	1 25
C. Arthur Wade, "	75
Freddie Wade, "	50
Everett D. Brown, "	25
S. L. Washburn, plastering,	43 25
Nath'l Southworth, carting sand, ..	10 50
John Waterman, carting,	2 00
O. C. & N. Railroad, freight,	3 39
J. L. Hammett, furniture,	231 55
H. G. Goodrich, making bl'kboards, ..	15 00
H. A. Grow, painting,	32 00

Whole amount expended, \$871 97

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the School Committee, and find all the items duly entered and properly vouched for.

ROBERT CURTIS, }
SAM'L P. ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 18, 1871.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL.	Number of Pupils.			Average Attendance.			Percentage of Average Attendance.			No. under 5 yrs. of age.	No. over 15 yrs. of age.	Length of School in weeks.			Length of School during the year in weeks.
	Sub.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.			Sum.	Fall.	Win.	
High, - - - - -	82	66	58	78	63	53	95	96	92	94	-	55	14	12	14
Centre Intermediate, - - -	74	72	64	66	63	49	89	88	77	85	-	3	13	12	10
North Primary, - - - - -	50	55	46	44	46	33	87	83	71	80	-	-	12	12	11
East Primary, - - - - -	43	48	48	36	42	36	83	87	75	82	1	-	13	12	10
West Primary, - - - - -	46	49	39	39	44	27	86	90	70	82	-	-	13	12	10
Joppa Intermediate, - - -	29	26	28	26	24	25	89	91	88	89	-	3	13	12	10
Joppa Primary, - - - - -	39	41	40	31	37	35	80	90	85	85	2	-	13	12	10
Satucket, - - - - -	26	32	29	21	28	25	80	87	89	85	-	2	13	12	10
Curtis, - - - - -	19	22	17	17	18	14	89	81	82	84	-	3	13	12	10
Eastville, - - - - -	46	40	45	37	34	37	80	85	82	82	1	6	13	13	9
Northville, - - - - -	36	35	33	27	27	28	75	78	85	79	1	-	13	12	10
West Crook, - - - - -	34	36	35	30	32	24	87	88	69	87	-	1	13	13	9
Beaver, - - - - -	64	67	62	53	55	53	83	82	85	83	4	4	13	13	9
	588	589	544	505	513	444	85	87	81	84	9	77			

* Average.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1872.

PLYMOUTH:

W. W. AVERY, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
CORNER OF COURT AND NORTH STREETS.

1872.

TOWN OFFICERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, 1871.

TOWN CLERK,

JACOB A. ROGERS.

TOWN TREASURER,

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

COLLECTOR,

EZRA S. WHITMARSH.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

JACOB BATES, ELIAB LATHAM, CHARLES H. GOSS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

BAALIS SANFORD, MOSES BATES, NATHAN KINGMAN, 2d. 3 years.
J. H. HATHAWAY, FRANCIS HAYWARD, AUSTIN DODGE. 2 years.
FRANKLIN KEITH, HENRY GURNEY, GEO. W. HARDEN. 1 year.

AUDITORS,

JOHN W. KENNAN, SAMUEL P. ALLEN, RUFUS A. LITTLEFIELD.

CONSTABLES,

SIDNEY PACKARD, HENRY A. GROW, BENJAMIN SIDDALL,
ALBERT P. SAMPSON.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS,

District No. 1.	Leonard Hill,	District No. 11.	Alvin C. Baker.
" " 2.	William Reed,	" " 12.	Mark P. Hudson.
" " 3.	Caleb Goss.	" " 13.	Enoch Freeman.
" " 4.	Edward Tisdale.	" " 14.	A. Harris Latham.
" " 5.	Francis Hayward.	" " 15.	Martin Parris,
" " 6.	Eli B. French.	" " 16.	Eliab Whitman.
" " 7.	William F. Keen.	" " 17.	Sidney Allen,
" " 8.	David Pratt,	" " 18.	Samuel F. White,
" " 9.	James N. Sweeting.	" " 19.	Nath'l Southworth.
" " 10.	Wadsworth Phillips,		

POUND KEEPER,
ALLEN WASHBURN.

FIELD DRIVERS,

JAMES L. ROBINSON, E. WALLACE KEEN.

FENCE VIEWERS,

CHARLES A. LATHAM, BENJAMIN H. WASHBURN.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,

WADSWORTH PHILLIPS, GEORGE H. BYRAM, CHARLES H. GOSS.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,

SAMUEL B. ALLEN, GEORGE W. ALLEN.
MOSES BATES, JAMES N. SWEETING.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS,

SAMUEL B. ALLEN, MERRITT JENKINS,
JOHN WATERMAN, JOHN E. WATERMAN.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
JAMES F. MCCARTER.

SEXTON,
SIDNEY PACKARD.

Report of the Selectmen,

The Selectmen of East Bridgewater submit for consideration, a Report of the Financial condition of the Town, with the Receipts and Expenditures, from February 1, 1871, to February 1, 1872 :

STATE AID,

PAID FROM FEB. 1, 1871, TO FEB. 1, 1872,

Lydia P. Osborne..	\$104 00	<i>Am't brought fo'rd,</i>	\$1,044 13
Sarah C. Hudson...	96 00	Harriet S. Packard..	29 73
Susan E. Hall.....	96 00	Anna H. Kingman..	44 00
Rach'l B. Underwood	96 00	Lucy A. Morris....	24 00
Deborah O. Jones..	72 13	Lois M. Keen.....	10 13
Harriet F. McCarter	48 00	Eldridge Winsor...	72 00
Mary S. Ripley....	48 00	Charles L. Jones...	73 50
Betsey A. Hale....	48 00	Daniel W. Tribou..	36 00
Mary Hudson.....	48 00	John Flynn.....	15 00
Lydia A. Sylvester..	48 00	Arthur A. Brown...	12 27
Eunice S. Bryant...	48 00	Jeremiah Reardon..	48 00
Harriet Eddy.....	48 00	William Reardon...	48 00
Sarah B. Gould....	48 00		
Thankful O. Shaw..	48 00		\$1,456 76
Rebecca Mansfield..	48 00	<i>Am't paid in Jan-</i>	
Eliza F. Dyer.....	48 00	<i>uary, 1871</i>	119 00
Sophronia Carter...	52 00		
<i>Am't carried f'ord,</i>	\$1,044 13	<i>Am't State Aid due</i>	
		<i>from State,</i>	\$1,575 76

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

At the Annual Meeting, the Town voted "that a highway tax of \$2,500.00 be separately assessed upon the polls and estates, to be expended in labor and materials upon the highways and bridges, under the direction of the Highway Surveyors, who were directed to allow all persons who might elect to do so, to pay the same in labor, before the tenth day of September, at which time they were directed to certify to the Assessors the amount unpaid in the several districts, such highway deficiencies to be committed to the Collector for collection, and expended in the several districts, under the direction of the Highway Surveyors.

Appropriation for repairs, \$2,500 00
 Overlaying on tax and gain by fractions..... 41 24

Amount committed to Surveyors of Highways, \$2,541 24

Amount paid in labor and materials..... 1.925 42

Amount unpaid in labor,..... 615 82

\$2,541 24

DISTRICTS.	NO. RODS.	AM'T PR ROD.	TOTAL.
No. 1	1075	\$0 22.4	\$240 80
2	1358	0 19.2	260 73
3	*570	0 0.9	176 13
4	1294	0 8.7	112 57
5	540	0 7.2	38 88
6	1100	0 12.8	140 80
7	670	0 9.2	61 64
8	1120	0 10.8	120 96
9	1225	0 6.8*	83 30
10	1070	0 7.7*	82 39
11	925	0 12.6*	116 59
12	1110	0 32.7	362 97
13	*1045	0 15.7*	164 06
14	1210	0 4.6*	55 66
15	561	0 8.2*	46 00
16	460	0 7.6*	34 96
17	475	0 26.9*	127 77
18	470	0 4.8	22 56
19	598	0 48.9	292 47
	16876		\$2,541 24

Average amount per rod of highway, \$0.15.6
 Not assigned to highway districts: Temple St. 150 rods.
 Total number of rods of highway, 17,026; or *~~43~~⁴⁶₃₂₀ miles.

HIGHWAY DEFICIENCIES.

Highway Deficiencies in the several Districts, and Persons in whose favor orders have been drawn for labor under the direction of the Highway Surveyors:

No. 1.	
LEONARD HILL, Surveyor.	
Deficiency	\$98 11
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K. E. Sheldon	\$16 05
Aaron Hobart	31 40
Michael Feeny	15 80
Martin Sumner	1 80
Patrick Keefe	7 00
H. G. Hill	3 00
Sidney Packard	2 00
David Roach	6 22
Jeremiah Dunn	1 80
S. A. Orr	8 35
William Allen	1 61
John Lane	1 00
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	\$91 03
Unexpended	7 08
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	\$98 11

No. 2.	
WILLIAM REED, Surveyor.	
Deficiency	\$113 98
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William Reed	\$2 00
A. L. Alden	10 89
T. H. Cummings	4 00
David Standish	12 00
E. A. Standish	2 00
I. N. Nutter	50 64
Alfred Griffin	1 45
T. S. H. Rounseville ..	1 00
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	\$113 98

No. 3.	
CALEB GOSS, Surveyor.	
Deficiency	\$28 14
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Caleb Goss	10 69
G. Lombard	7 50
Jotham Nute	4 00
Henry Gurney	2 50
N. Southworth	1 80
S. Richmond	1 25
A. Estes	40
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	\$28 14

No. 4.	
EDWARD TISDALE, Surveyor	
Deficiency	\$17 40
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E. Tisdale	10 40
C. C. Hooper	4 00
R. S. Higgins	2 00
F. A. Nash	1 00
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	\$17 40

No. 5.	
F. HAYWARD, Surveyor.	
Deficiency	\$0 27
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Unexpended	\$0 27

No. 6.

E. B. FRENCH, Surveyor.
Deficiency \$23 95

Levi T. Gurney 9 00

Unexpended—..... 14 95

\$23 95

No. 7.

WM. F. KEEN, Surveyor.
Deficiency \$22 53

Unexpended \$22 53

No. 8.

DAVID PRATT, Surveyor.
Deficiency \$39 51

David Pratt 52

G. W. Blanchard 6 00

John B. Brown 2 44

Timothy Drake 1 69

N. W. French 50

Isaac Pratt 5 99

Ira Drake 6 79

Noah Harden 75

Jason Harden 55

Addison Pratt 4 00

Joseph Ramsdell 3 20

William Ramsdell 2 48

J. D. Thurlow 42

Lucius Harden 2 18

George A. Weld 2 00

\$39 51

No. 9.

J. N. SWEETING, Surveyor.
Deficiency \$2 67

James R. Whitmarsh. \$2 67

No. 10.

WADSWORTH PHILLIPS, Sur.
Deficiency \$11 48

Unexpended \$11 48

No. 11.

A. C. BAKER, Surveyor.
Deficiency \$27 01

A. C. Baker \$20 01

Patrick Keiff 7 00

\$27 01

No. 12.

M. P. HUDSON, Surveyor.
Deficiency \$122 55

M. P. Hudson 54 40

William Mitchell 5 00

Eliab Latham 4 50

Michael Feeny 5 60

M. Carroll 3 50

Seth Bryant 9 00

S. J. Hoyt 8 60

Nicholas Wade 6 00

Ebenezer Osborne... 16 40

Daniel Hoyt 2 00

S. Dyer 2 00

M. Nason 4 00

William Cox 1 00

\$122 00

Unexpended 55

\$122 55

No. 13.

ENOCH FREEMAN, Surveyor.
Deficiency \$14 28

Enoch Freeman 4 10

William Desmond... 4 90

Henry Lyon 1 00

Eliab Latham 1 25

\$11 25

Unexpended 3 03

\$14 28

No. 14.

A. HARRIS LATHAM, Surveyor.
Deficiency..... \$0 09

Unexpended... .. \$0 09

No. 15.

M. PARRIS, Surveyor.
Deficiency..... \$4 18

M. Parris \$4 18

No. 17.

SIDNEY ALLEN, Surveyor.
Deficiency..... \$15 38

Bailey Allen.... .. 1 75
Stephen Harlow 4 00
Levi C. Wright..... 2 00
Zeba Richards..... 2 60
Justin W. Richards.. 2 03
Rogers & Sheldon... 3 00

\$15 38

No. 18.

S. F. WHITE, Surveyor.

Deficiency... .. \$0 51

Unexpended..... \$0 51

No. 19.

N. SOUTHWORTH, Surveyor.

Deficiency..... \$73 78

Rogers & Sheldon.. 32 06
N. Southworth..... 41 72
\$73 78

Highway deficiency, \$615 82

Orders drawn on Treasury, \$555 33

Unexpended, 60 49

————— \$615 82

Orders have been drawn in favor of the following persons, for labor on roads and bridges, under the direction of the Selectmen; and for materials for the same:

War. of Almshouse. \$208 50	<i>Am't brought fr'd</i> \$338 55
Henry G. Hill..... 57 00	D. S. Brigham..... 17 80
Mark P. Hudson... 24 05	Enoch Freeman.... 11 00
William Parker.... 1 60	Nicholas Wade.... 1 50
Patrick Birmingham 1 55	Branch L. Byram.. 6 00
Oliver Pratt..... 5 10	Cyrus Munroe. Jr.. 6 00
Jeremiah Dunn.... 25 00	Eldridge Winsor... 1 60
Meritt Jenkins..... 15 75	John Wade..... 1 20

Am't carried f'rd, \$338 55 *Am't carried f'rd, \$383 65*

<i>Am't brought fo'rd, \$383 65</i>	<i>Am't brought 'o'rd, \$1,187 30</i>
Thomas G. Stetson. 26 25	Samuel Dyer 2d, do. 2 78
Samuel J. Hoyt. 5 60	Henry G. Hill, do. 1 00
Eliab Latham. 132 50	Mark P. Hudson, do. 5 74
Dan Hoyt. 47 00	L. Pratt & Co., do. 17 91
George Bryant. 21 00	Nicholas Wade, do. 15 61
Levi W. Noyes. 7 20	Chas. H. Goss, do. 16 10
David Roach. 25 20	O. S. Soule, do. 70 92
Charles H. Goss. 51 00	E. & C. C. Thayer,
Caleb Goss. 42 50	lumber. 55 75
Edward W. Barrows 41 62	Stephen Harlow, do 8 00
Michael Noonan. 13 00	Solomon Millett,
Patrick Keiff. 1 00	stone. 24 75
A. Harris Latham. 3 16	Sam'l Dyer 2d, do. 3 70
Levi T. Gurney. 2 00	Ezra Kingman, do. 5 00
Isaac N. Nutter. 9 68	John H. Scribner,
Martin Parris. 82	stone. 1 00
M. Collins. 2 00	J. Albert Young, do. 3 25
Nathaniel Porter. 5 00	Galen Willis, do. 3 00
Simeon Richmond. 4 00	Henry G. Hill, do. 1 00
Jotham Hicks. 20 45	Seth Bryant, do. 1 50
Galen Willis. 2 25	James Munroe, do. 1 50
Ebenezer Osborne. 11 00	Willard Johnson,
Jacob Bates. 8 60	spikes &c. 9 74
Ira Drake. 4 75	Charles W. Siddall,
M. Humble. 3 75	iron work. 1 30
H. W. French. 50	Rogers & Sheldon,
Joshua Hollis. 2 00	cinders. 25 00
Samuel Dyer 2d. 197 50	Mrs. B. Keith, gra-
Samuel Keene. 10 00	vel. 5 30
James N. Sweeting. 2 00	Seth Bryant, do. 2 50
Elbridge G. Lyon. 4 25	A. Harris Latham,
Jas. R. Whitmarsh. 4 83	gravel. 1 00
Ethan Munroe. 2 50	E. A. Kimball, use
Cephas A. Porter. 5 50	of derrick. 31 00
Henry Osborn. 3 00	C. H. Goss, freight
	on derrick. 7 00
E. Carver Co., labor	
and materials. 15 02	
Rogers & Sheldon. 15 92	
Eliab Latham, lum-	
ber. 49 40	
<i>Am't carried fo'rd, \$1,187 30</i>	
	1,508 75
	Deduct lumb'r sold, 15 40
	1,495 35
	Unexpended, 4 65
	Appropriation, \$1,500 00

Of the foregoing amount the sum of \$760.52 was expended in making temporary repairs on the Joppa bridge, rebuilding the wall and a portion of the bridge, and widening and grading the street.

REMOVING SNOW.

Orders have been drawn in favor of the following persons, for removing snow under the direction of the several Highway Surveyors :

A. P. Sampson.....	\$1 00	<i>Am't brought fo'rd,</i>	\$67 09
Eleazer Whitman..	45	Joseph Reed.....	6 25
Sears R. Frost.....	4 00	Sim. G. Whitmarsh,	3 00
Isadus Fuller.....	1 75	Levi T. Gurney....	2 00
Jabez H. Sturtevant	1 25	Edmund F. Thayer,	1 50
Sam'l D. Raymond.	50	Otis Bisbee.....	62
Lewis P. Raymond.	25	Thomas Conant....	1 00
Nathaniel Perkins..	1 25	Samuel F. White...	1 00
Ephraim Hardy....	1 25	John Reed.....	1 00
Peter Hagan.....	1 50	Scott Keith.....	75
M. Sheridan.....	1 00	Samuel J. Hoyt....	3 00
B. Dowley.....	1 50	N. Southworth....	1 25
C. Dyson.....	75	William W. Hersey,	3 00
Nicholas Wade...	3 00	Allen P. Pratt....	1 00
Martin Parris.....	1 25	Eben. Whitmarsh..	1 00
Cyrus Munroe Jr...	3 00	James Wilder.....	1 00
Eldridge Winsor...	2 50	John B. Harden....	1 00
Wm. S. Sampson...	2 75	A. W. Blanchard...	1 00
Branch L. Byram...	2 25	Wm. J. Meigs.....	1 00
John Wade.....	1 25	Ira Drake.....	1 00
Samuel L. Seaver...	3 07	George W. Harden.	9 62
Henry G. Hill.....	2 50	Melzar Waterman..	75
Levi W. Noyes.....	2 37	Blaney P. Beal....	75
Galen Allen.....	1 50	Jehiel B. Harden..	1 12
Jeremiah Mahoney.	2 25	Alonzo Sharp.....	2 12
Francis Hayward...	50	Cyrus Thrasher....	2 12
R. A. Littlefield...	1 08	John H. Vosmos...	1 75
Asa T. Whitman...	5 00	Jas. R. Whitmarsh.	2 00
Oliver Pratt.....	3 50	Rogers & Sheldon..	1 75
And. G. Blackman..	1 50	Eliab Latham.....	2 50
George R. Dyer....	2 00		
Elijah Hinkley....	1 25		122 94
Z. W. Sturtevant...	1 12	Unexpended.....	177 06
Henry Gurney.....	7 00		
		Appropriation.....	300 00
<i>Am't carried fo'rd,</i>	\$67 09		

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid W. W. Avery for printing Town Report of		
	1871,	\$136 50
" " " "	blanks,	2 00
Rockwell & Churchill, " Selectmen's notices,		1 50
" " " "	Assessors' notices, ..	2 50
" " " "	Town order blanks,	5 00
J. Burrell for printing Assessors' and Col-		
	lector's notices, ..	2 50
" " " "	Collector's tax bill	
	blanks,	8 50
T. Groom & Co. for blank books for Collec-		
	tor and Highway Surveyors,	3 37
I. N. Nutter for blank books for Assessors',		1 62
" " " "	for cash paid on insurance pol-	
	icy on Almshouse,	45 50
" " " "	cash paid on tax of	
	David Tinkham, 1870,	90
	N. S. Bouldry, 1870, ..	7 65
" " " "	costs of sale of property,	3 00
" " " "	for deed of same,	2 50
" " " "	recording deed of same,	90
" " " "	tax of John A. Hearn, '70,	1 70
" " " "	costs of sale of property,	2 94
" " " "	for deed of same,	2 50
" " " "	recording deed of same,	90
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$231 98

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$231 98
Paid Sidney Packard for repairs on hearse,.....	3 00
Treas. Union Cemetery Association for as- essment on town lots,.....	18 00
Wm. Read & Sons for 1 pair of handcuffs,	4 00
E. Carver Co., book case for Town Hall,	10 75
Samuel Keene for damage to land and mill privilege by obstructing the water and filling the sluiceway at Joppa bridge,...	20 00
Town of Hanson for tax, 1871,	40
E. S. Whitmarsh for services as Moderator at Annual Town Meeting,.....	5 00
Baalis Sanford for postage and stationery,	1 62
Moses Bates, “ “ “	1 42
Jacob Bates for blank books and stationery,	7 19
“ “ express,.....	4 10
“ “ postage,	3 72
“ “ railroad fares,	10 20
“ “ cash paid witnesses before a Committee of the Legislature on petition of Mrs. L. P. Os- borne for State Aid,.....	7 40
Sarah Conant for abatement of tax, 1871,..	14 32
Solomon Millett “ “ “ ..	4 85
Collector, abatement of tax of Huldah Brett,	5 34
John Goodwin,.....	2 00
Edward Hall,.....	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$357 29</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$357 29
Collector, abatement of John Hunter.....	2 51
S. J. Hoyt, Jr.	2 00
Wm. A. Jackson,.....	2 51
George L. Jones,	2 00
Edmund Lubees	2 51
John Norris,.....	2 51
Henry W. Peck.....	2 00
John Wilson,.....	2 51
Wm. W. Wilder,.....	3 02
John Flynn,	2 51
Amos W. Mellen,.....	51
Dexter Reed, est. of ..	7 97
Henry W. Boyd.....	2 51
Henry H. Chamberlain,	2 00
Clarence E. Gould,.....	2 51
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	\$396 87
Unexpended.....	403 13
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Appropriation,.....	\$800 00

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid Jacob Bates for services as Selectman, As-	
sessor, and Overseer of the Poor,.....	\$272 00
Eliab Latham for services as Selectman,	
Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	70 00
Charles H. Goss for services as Selectman,	
Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor,	35 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	377 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$377 00
Wm. Allen for services as School Committee,	33 00
Baalis Sanford " " "	74 79
Moses Bates " " "	51 75
Nathan Kingman, 2d " "	25 00
Jacob A. Rogers for services as Town Clerk,	53 77
I. N. Nutter " " " Treasurer,	100 00
Sidney Packard " " " Constable,	42 30
Henry A. Grow " " " "	15 00
Sidney Packard " " " Sexton,	86 55
Moses Bates " " Com. on Roads,	4 00
I. N. Nutter " " " "	4 00
Jacob Bates " " " "	4 00
Eliab Latham " " " "	2 00
Charles H. Goss " " " "	2 00
Ezra S. Whitmarsh, Collector of Taxes,...	160 04
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	\$1,035 20
Appropriation,.....	1,000 00
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Over appropriation,	\$35 20

PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAND FOR HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE.

Paid I. N. Nutter for cash paid G. L. Faxon and E. W. Nutter for land and for recording deed of same,.....	\$66 15
Appropriation,.....	65 00
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Expended over appropriation,	\$1 15

GUIDE BOARDS.

Guide Boards have been maintained during the year at the same locations as at the last Annual Report, and are in good condition.

 RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid for State Aid to Families,	\$1,456 76
Repairs of highways under the direction of the Highway Surveyors,	555 33
for building and repairing roads, bridges and culverts under the direction of the Selectmen, and materials for the same,	1,495 35
removing snow,	122 94
incidental expenses & abatement of taxes,	396 87
Town officers and Committees,	1,035 20
for additional land at High School house,	66 15
“ support of paupers in Almshouse,..	1,227 42
“ “ “ out of “	904 57
“ school purposes,	7,293 38
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	\$14,553 97
Amount expended in labor under the direction of the several Highway Surveyors,	1,925 42
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	\$16,479 39

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1872.

For support of schools,	\$5,000 00
school incidentals,	600 00
repairs of school houses,	1,200 00
repairs of roads, bridges and culverts,	2,500 00
removing snow,	150 00
support of poor,	2,000 00
incidental expenses and abatement of taxes,	400 00
payment of Town officers and Committees,	1,000 00
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	\$12,850 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds due April 1st, 1873,	\$2,500 00
Octo. 1st, 1873,	2,000 00
“ 1st, 1874,	500 00
“ 1st, 1875,	1,800 00
“ 1st, 1876,	1,900 00
“ 1st, 1877,	1,600 00
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	\$10,300 00
Interest on Town Bonds due April 1st, 1872, ..	347 20
Unsettled accounts, estimated,	75 00
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	\$10,722 20

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	\$3,494 01
Due from State for State aid,	1,576 26
“ for State aid on unsettled ac-	
counts of previous years, estimated,	700 00
from State on corporation tax and tax on	
stock in National Banks,	45 00
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	\$5,815 47

Total indebtedness of the town,	\$4,906 93
Town debt Feb. 1, 1871,	\$10,334 23
Decrease of debt during the year,	\$5,427 30

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 21, 1872.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find all of the items duly entered and properly vouched for.

J. W. KENNAN,
R. A. LITTLEFIELD, } *Auditors.*

This Town having taken possession of the school house, with the land, apparatus and other property formerly owned and used by the union school district, known as the "Beaver District," the Selectmen of the towns of East and West Bridgewater, have, since the close of the financial year, appraised the same at \$800.00, and determined that two-sevenths of its value, (\$228.57,) belonged to the inhabitants of West Bridgewater, upon the payment of which sum to the Treasurer of West Bridgewater; the same has become the property of this town.

TOWN MEETING.

Copy of Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Meeting to be held March 11, 1872, at one o'clock P. M.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the Reports of the Town Officers and Committees which are to report to this meeting, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges, and such sums as may be thought proper to pay town debts and interest the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes, for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of taxes, to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To act on a list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for building Roads, as laid out by the County Commissioners.

ARTICLE 11. To see what, if any, sum or sums of money the Town will appropriate in aid of the erection of a Soldiers' Monument in East Bridgewater. (By request.)

ARTICLE 12. To see what measures the Town will take to provide water for the High and Centre Intermediate Schools, repair and finish the grading and fencing of the land about said house, belonging to the Town, and appropriate money for the same. (By request.)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to sell the stoves in the High School Building, provide for heating the rooms by a furnace and make the necessary appropriation to carry the same into effect. (By request.)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to take or purchase land to enlarge the school house yard at Northville, and grade the same, making the necessary appropriation for the purpose. (By request.)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will provide land and authorize the removal of the school houses known as the "Beaver School House" and the "West Primary", and make the necessary appropriations for the same. (By request.)

ARTICLE 16. To take such measures as are necessary to prevent the large amount of truancy now prevalent throughout the town, and adopt such By-Laws or Regulations as are necessary to enforce the Statutes of the Commonwealth against truancy, in whatever form it may be presented. (By request.)

LIST OF JURORS.

The following is a List of Jurors for the consideration of the Town, to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting, March 11, 1872 :

George W. Allen,
Moses Bates,
Daniel T. Blanchard,
Jarvis Burrell,
Frederic S. Churchill,
Luther Churchill, Jr.
Warren K. Churchill,
Roland F. Copeland,
Hiram H. Erskine,
Edward F. Field,
Caleb Goss,
Charles H. Goss,
Charles Griggs,
Henry Gurney,
Reuben Harden,
Edward Y. Hayward,
Francis Hayward,
William W. Hersey,
Abbot T. Hewitt,
John Hobart,
Ellis W. Holmes,
Franklin Keith,
Lysander Keith,
Samuel Keith,
Simeon C. Keith,

Thomas Keith,
John W. Kennon,
Nathan Kingman, 2d,
Frederic C. Mann,
Isaac N. Nutter,
Nathan M. Pool,
John B. Porter,
David Pratt,
Oliver Pratt,
Calvin Reed,
Joseph Reed,
Samuel L. Sever,
Minot C. Shaw,
Christopher B. Smith,
Martin Sumner,
Clark Swallow,
John B. Thayer,
Joseph Vinton,
John Waterman,
Benjamin M. White,
Asa T. Whitman,
Eleazer Whitman,
William E. Whitman,
James R. Whitmarsh,
George A. Wright.

JACOB BATES, } *Selectmen*
ELIAB LATHAM, } *of*
CHARLES H. GOSS, } *East Bridgewater.*

Feb. 1, 1872.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For Support of Schools,.....	\$5,000 00
School Incidentals,.....	600 00
Repairs on School Houses,.....	1,200 00
Purchase of Land,.....	65 00
Building and Repairing Roads and Bridges,,.....	1,500 00
Removing Snow,.....	300 00
Support of Poor,.....	2,000 00
Incidental Expenses and Abatement of Taxes,,.....	800 00
Payment of Town Officers and Commit- tees,.....	1,000 00
Payment of Town Debt and Interest, .	3,375 00
Discount on Taxes,.....	900 00
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	\$16,740 00
State Tax,.....	3,550 00
County Tax,.....	1,783 92
Overlaying on Tax,.....	167 93
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	\$22,241 85

VALUATION FOR 1871.

Real Estate assessed,	\$938,570 00
Personal Estate "	272,480 00
Total,	<u>\$1,211,050 00</u>

Number of Ratable Polls,—827.

Tax on 827 Polls, at \$2.00 each,	\$1,654 00
" " \$1,211,050.00 at \$17.00 on the \$1,000.00,	20,587 85
	<u>\$22,241 85</u>
Subsequently assessed,	2 80
Amount returned by Highway Surveyors,	615 82
Committed for Collection,	<u>\$22,860 47</u>

HIGHWAY TAX.

Appropriation,	\$2,500 00
Overlaying on Tax,	41 10
	<u>\$2,541 10</u>
Tax on 827 Polls at \$0.51 each,	\$421 77
" " \$1,211,050.00 at \$1.75 on the \$1,000.00,	2,119 33
	<u>14</u>
	<u>\$2,541 10</u>
Amount committed to the Highway Surveyors,	\$2,541 24
Amount expended in labor under the direction of the Highway Surveyors,	\$1,925 42
Amount returned by the Highway Surveyors,	615 82
	<u>\$2,541 24</u>

Inhabitants.	Valuation.	Valuation.
1830..1653	1840.. \$343,493.00	1865.. \$1,030,276.00
1840..1944	1850.. 814,600.00	1866.. 1,062,866.00
1850..2545	1855..1,206,940.00	1867.. 1,089,151.00
1855..2932	1860..1,327,734.00	1868.. 1,127,204.00
1860..3207	1861..1,252,195.00	1869.. 1,143,042.00
1865..2976	1862..1,273,031.00	1870.. 1,258,124.00
1870..3017	1863..1,077,586.00	*1871.. 1,211,050.00
	1864..1,053,882.00	

*In 1871 stock in National Banks was taxable in the municipalities in which the banks were located, and the amount of the tax paid to the towns in which the holders of stock were supposed to reside.

Number of Acres of Land taxed,.....	11,123
“ “ Dwelling Houses,.....	588
“ “ Horses,	310
“ “ Cows,.....	425
“ “ Sheep.....	39
“ “ Oxen,.....	46
“ “ Swine,.....	195
“ “ Children between five and fifteen years of age,.....	551
Enrolled militia in 1871,	403

JACOB BATES,	}	<i>Assessors of East Bridgewater.</i>
ELIAB LATHAM,		
CHARLES H. GOSS,		

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

To inventory Feb. 1, 1871	\$2,917 80	
Salary of Warden from Feb. 1, 1871,		
to Feb. 1, 1872.....	350 00	
Dr. S. A. Orr, medical attendance..	25 00	
Cash from Town Treasury.....	524 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,816 80

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By inventory Feb. 1, 1872.....	\$2,568 38	
Cash paid into Town Treasury....	21 00	
		\$2,589 38
Cost of supporting Poor at the Almshouse..	1,227 42	
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Whole number of paupers during the year.....	16
Average number of paupers.....	12.4
Present number at Almshouse.....	12
Number of travellers lodged.....	24
Average cost per week for support.....	\$1.90.2

Present inmates of the Almshouse :

Harriet F. Parris.....	32 years of age.
James M. Gurney.....	54
Calvin Eaton.....	72
Lysander Bourne.....	63
Zilpha A. Bouldry.....	31
Roland V. Bouldry.....	15
Thomas H. Bouldry.....	13
Carleton Bouldry.....	11

Augustus E. Bouldry	9
James Bouldry.....	7
Thaddeus M. Bouldry.....	6
Owen F. Bouldry.....	4

Admitted during the year :

Lysander Bourne.	Roland V. Bouldry.
Nancy Orcutt.	Calvin Eaton.

Discharged during the year :

Calvin Eaton.	Winslow C. Bailey.
Polly Herrick.	Nath'l S. Bouldry, Jr.
Nancy Orcutt.	

EXPENSES OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for aid to Mrs. L. P. Osborne and children,	\$48 00
Mrs. A. M. Vickery	“ 39 43
Mrs. Mary C. Joyce	“ 112 00
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Reed	“ 106 00
Mrs. Deborah Bates and child,	100 00
Mrs. Eliza Worthington	“ 55 18
Mrs. Nancy E. Josslyn	“ 26 00
Mrs. Melissa Mitchell,	37 16
Mrs. Nancy Orcutt,... ..	12 00
Mrs. Filetta Washburn,.....	19 00
Misses J. S. and M. P. Washburn,	32 50
Miss Lucina Mitchell,	65 00
Miss Sybil P. Dunbar,.....	52 00
Orrin Parris and family,	71 00
Reuben Shaw,	14 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$789 27</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$789 27
Paid for aid to Lysander Bourne,.....	39 00
Patrick Barrett,.....	10 00
the State Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, for support of Nathaniel S. Bouldry from Jan. 1, 1871 to Jan. 1, 1872.	214 30
for funeral expenses of Mrs. Betsey Aldrich,	13 00
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	\$1,065 57
Deduct amount paid by the Town of Abington for aid to Mrs. Mary C. Joyce and children	\$112 00
amount paid by the Town of Hanson for funeral expenses of Mrs. Betsey Aldrich,	13 00
amount paid by the Town of Hanover for aid to Mrs. Mary E. Josselyn and child	26 00
amount paid by the Commonwealth for aid to Patrick Barrett,	10 00
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	\$161 00
Net expense out of Almshouse.....	\$904 57
Net expense in Almshouse.....	1.227 42
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	\$2.131 99
Appropriation.....	2.000 00
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Over appropriation.	\$131 99

JACOB BATES,	} Overseers of the Poor.
ELIAB LATHAM.	
CHARLES H. GOSS.	

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer, in account with Town.*

DR.

Balance, as by previous report,.....	\$1,221 22
Cash of E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, balance on tax of 1870,	312 43
Town of West Bridgewater, for school purposes	214 85
State Treasurer, balance of Corpora- tion tax.	43
Market National Bank, borrowed on Town notes.....	3,000 00
E. Bridgewater Savings Bank, money borrowed	1,200 00
J. A. Rogers, Town Clerk, money de- posited	196 00
W. R. Sever, County Treasurer, re- funded on dog licenses	183 60
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, tax of 1871, in full.....	22,054 56
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<i>Amount carried forward,.....</i>	<i>\$28,383 09</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i> ,.....	\$,28,383 09
Cash of State Treasurer, State aid refunded	1,461 00
Corporation Tax...	378 80
National Bank Tax	609 41
acc't State paupers	10 00
income Mass. School	
Fund	215 85
City of Taunton, supplies furnished	
Betsey Aldrich.....	27 00
George Bryant, for old lumber.....	3 15
S. L. Sever, “ “ “	7 00
B. L. Byram, “ “ “	1 50
C. H. Goss, “ “ “	3 75
School Committee of 1870, proceeds	
of sale of lumber, etc,	10 10
Town of West Bridgewater, for school	
purposes,	205 74
A. Washburn, Warden, supplies furnished,	21 00
Town of Abington, aid to M. C. Joyce,	112 00
Hanover, aid to M. E. Josslyn,.....	26 00
Hanson, for funeral expenses of Bet-	
sey Aldrich.....	13 00
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	\$31,488 39

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By paid Town notes for money borrowed.	\$5,046 00
interest on same.....	130 26
Town bonds.....	22,00 00
interest on same.....	853 40
County tax.....	1,783 92
State tax.....	3,550 00
Town orders.....	5,836 53
State aid orders.....	1,460 76
School.....	7,133 51
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	27,994 38
Cash on hand,.....	3,494 01
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	\$31,488 39

ISAAC N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

E. Bridgewater, Feb. 20, 1872.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 21, 1872.

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and find the items thereof properly entered and vouched for.

JOHN W. KENNAN, }
 R. A. LITTLEFIELD, } *Auditors.*

COLLECTOR'S REPORT. — E. S. WHITMARSH, COL'R.

DR.

Tax committed.....	\$22,860 47	
Interest collected.....	95 31	
	—————	\$22,955 78

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Paid Treasurer.....	\$22,054 56	
Discount on tax.....	901 22	
	—————	\$22,955 78

E. S. WHITMARSH, *Collector*.

Having examined the accounts of E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector of Taxes, we find he has collected the whole commitment, and has paid the same to the Treasurer.

J. W. KENNAN, }
 R. A. LITTLEFIELD, } *Auditors.*

East Bridgewater, Jan. 20, 1872.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL AGENT.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 1. 1871.	Cash on hand as per last report..	\$4 53
March 18,	Use of Hall for Dancing School..	39 00
	“ “ Temple Lodge,	
	K. O. S. C.	15 50
To Feb. 1, 1872,	use of Hall for concerts, caucus-	
	es, parties, etc	108 92
	use of Hall, G. A. R. lectures...	15 00
	“ “ Episcopal Society..	8 00
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		\$190 95

EXPENSES.

April 29, 1871,	paid agent for services in 1870-1.	20 00
	for cleaning Hall.....	2 25
	H. A. Grow, setting glass...	37
	J. Hobart, coal.....	10 00
	for charcoal.....	2 40
	Janitor for services.....	66 00
	for ten settees.....	47 60
	I. N. Nutter, oil.....	12 16
	for water pail.....	35
	W. Johnson, lamps, wicks,	
	chimneys, etc.....	9 92
	W. Johnson, new stove pipe.	10 61
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		181 66
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1872.....		9 29
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		\$190 95

J. A. ROGERS, *Agent.*

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Forty-three marriages were registered in East Bridgewater during the year 1871. The following is a copy of the record, giving the name of the persons officiating :

Date of marriage.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence of each.
Jan. 1, 1871.	Lemuel Pratt and Nancy W. Pratt, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. H. H. Martin.
Jan. 10.	Albert C. Whitmarsh, of East Bridgewater, and Laura E. Jerald, of Hingham. By Rev. J. B. Husted.
Jan. 15.	Leonard F. Gammons and Mary E. Chandler, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. C. Williams.
Jan. 25.	George H. Pratt, Jr., of East Bridgewater, and Lydia S. Somers, of Abington. By Rev. H. H. Martin.
Feb. 3.	William A. Holloway and Emma J. Morrison, both of Taunton. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.
March 4.	James P. Lovell and Caroline A. Hayward, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
March 7.	Thomas W. Cummings and Janette E. Brett, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. B. Sanford.
March 28.	William B. Mann and Emily E. Tirrell, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. C. S. Morse.

April 3. Justin S. Kingman, of East Bridgewater and Angeline W. French, of West Bridgewater. By Rev Austin Dodge.

May 10. Lewis Herbert Chase, of Boston Highlands, and Martha Chace Brigham, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. David Brigham.

May 20. Eugene Millerd and Addie M. Sturtevant, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Andrew Pollard.

May 25. Charles E. Burk, of North Bridgewater, and Clara Fobes, of Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sandford.

June 3. George L. Faxon and Amelia L. Keith, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

June 3. Frank B. Johnson and Helen E. Hayward, both of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sandford.

June 4. John E. Brown, of East Bridgewater, and Mary E. Hobill, of Hanson. By Rev. J. W. Horton.

June 15. James P. Lincoln and Elizabeth J. Dunlap, both of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.

June 20. Edmund W. Nutter and Harriet Alden, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

June 20. Herbert C. Keith, of East Bridgewater, and Ellen M. Parker, of Gardner. By Rev. H. Closson.

July 9. George Edgar Fish and Sarah Maria Smith, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

September 6. Richard Watson Smith and Georgianna A. Skillings, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Gilbert Haven, D. D.

- September 14. Galen K. Richards, of West Bridgewater, and Angenette Snell, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
- September 14. Lloyd Andrews, of Bridgewater, and Sophia L. Marston, of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- September 21. Edmund Perkins, of West Bridgewater, and Sarah J. Jenness, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. H. D. Walker.
- September 27. Arad Wilbur, of Middleboro, and Lizzie Washburn, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
- September 29. Charles Hardon and Anna E. McGlathry, both of Boston. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- Oct. 4. David L. Lombard and Betsey A. Estes, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. S. A. Winsor.
- Oct. 8. William A. Hayward and Louisa B. Holmes, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. S. A. Winsor.
- Oct. 10. A. A. LeSan, of Winterport, Me., and Eliza Kingsbury, of Frankfort, Me. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- Oct. 16. James S. Allen, of East Bridgewater, and Alice Richards, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
- Oct. 21. Luther W. Phillips of East Bridgewater and Elizabeth M. Fuller, of Boston. By Rev. E. Edmunds.
- Oct. 22. Jeremiah Dunn and Hannah Coughlin, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. A. Conlin.
- Oct. 28. Horace E. Wentworth, of Bridgewater, and Fannie West, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

Date of Marriage. Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence of each.

Nov. 12. Patrick Foley and Mary Curley, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

Nov. 14. Eugene Blake, of North Bridgewater, and Julia E. Braley, of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Nov. 29. Arthur Coleman, of Boston, and Henrietta W. Nash, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.

Nov. 29. Thomas H. Clark, of Plympton, and Helen E. Beals, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

Nov. 30. Waldo P. Lothrop, of West Bridgewater, and Harriet A. Bailey, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.

Dec. 8. Eugene B. Estes and Emma S. Chandler, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.

Dec. 10. Thomas W. Bourne, of Hanson, and Mary E. Jones, of East Bridgewater. By J. W. Quinby.

Dec. 16. Edward F. Leonard and Joanna Bartlett, both of Abington. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.

Dec. 24. Henry Hebert Harlow, of East Bridgewater, and Lydia Anna Ryder, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.

Dec. 30. William H. Chandler, of East Bridgewater, and Abby W. Cushman, of Oxford, Me. By Rev. R. Atkinson.

Dec. 31. Isaac Alvin Lyon, of East Bridgewater, and Nellie E. Flanders, of Wilmot, N. H. By Rev. Foster Henry.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1871,
INCLUDING SIX NOT REPORTED THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1870.		
Jan'y 3,	Josiah Otis Colter,	John L. and Lydia M.
March 4,	William Henry Brett,	William U. and Nancie M.
May 12,	Willie Francis Fisher,	Benjamin H. and Mary A.
August 23,	Jennie Evelyn Selee,	Leonard and Margaret J.
Sept. 14,	Joseph Everett Whitman,	Joseph M. and Lizzie D.
Octo. 22,	Sarah Grace Brett,	Royal T. and Sarah Pierce.
1871.		
Jan'y 11,	Alice Hennessy,	Michael and Catharine.
" 12,	William Henry Barrows,	Oliver C. and Ellen.
" 12,	Honora Wallace,	William and Joanna.
" 14,	Inez Gertrude Ramsdell,	William G. and Ella A.
" 18,	Leon Henry Hicks,	Caleb E. and Cleone F.
" 27,	Ellen Frances Osborne,	Henry A. and Emily J. L.
Feb'y 5,	Martin Bernard McLauthlin	Martin P. and Elizabeth P.
March 11,	Wm. Thompson Leonard,	Hermon and Angenette,
" 23,	Mary Emma Brett,	Algernon S. and Margaret M.
May 8,	Frank Hayward, } twins,	Leonard H. and Emeline A.
" 8,	Fred Hayward, }	
June 1,	Charles Latham Nutter,	Isaac N. and Anna Maria.
" 1,	——— Smith,	Frank and Alice G.
" 3,	Katie Elizabeth Noonan,	Michael and Kate.
" 8,	George Augustus Blanchard,	Augustus W. and Lizzie C.
" 19,	Charles Minot Porter,	Isaac R. and Charlotte J.
July 5,	George Louis Carleton,	George H. and Mary W.
" 9,	Grace Lillian Beaton,	James W. and Laura Ann.
" 10,	Simeon Curtis Keith,	Slmeon C. and Laura C.
" 11,	Flora B. Washburn,	Henry and Eno Warren.
" 13,	Preston Gilbert Barker,	DeWitt C. and Angelia F.
" 14,	Arthur Everett Gilmore,	Charles and Nellie E.
" 16,	Carrie Louisa Stetson,	John M. and Harriet M.
" 29,	Hannah Mahoney,	Thomas and Hannah.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1871.		
August 3,	William Kingman Owens,	John C. and Harriet.
" 4,	Mary Ellen Crowley,	Andrew and Mary.
" 12,	Edward Revere Jackson,	Andrew C. and Lizzie S.
" 15,	Harry Standish Hatch,	Henry W. and Lucinda H.
" 22,	Minerva Edson,	Benjamin F. and Mary.
Sept. 15,	Frank Chester Sturtevant,	Frank L. and Harriet A.
" 17,	Alfred Francis Keene,	William F. and Hattie Maria.
" 18,	Harry C. Bartlett,	Ezekiel R. and Hannah C.
" 20,	Henry M. Curtis,	Minot S. and Adeline.
" 24,	Hermion Warren Tower,	George M. and Othalia C.
Octo. 1,	John White,	Edmund and Kate.
" 9,	Grace Drislan,	Patrick and Margaret.
" 10,	Mary Green Alden,	Morton and Adeline F.
" 12,	Julia Etta Lincoln,	Isaac H. and Emilie M.
" 18,	George Melvin Webber,	Melvin L. and Mary Ella.
" 20,	Earnest Warren Sturtevant,	Frederick W. and Mira M.
" 26,	Alice Howard Allen,	George W. and Mary Louisa.
" 26,	Peter Clarkins,	Cornelius and Mary.
Nov. 6,	Michael McCarty,	John and Margaret.
" 8,	James Mahoney,	James and Julia.
" 11,	Celia Neville,	Andrew and Elizabeth.
" 11,	Walter Edmund Richards,	Luther W. and Hannah M.
" 13,	Nettie Harden Cook,	Thomas H. and Sophia.
" 14,	George Ellsworth Nute,	Jotham and Typhosa.
" 15,	Michael Luddy,	Patrick and Nellie.
" 16,	Mary Welch,	Patrick and Margaret.
" 19,	Sarah E. Wyatt,	Henry and Emma F.
" 27,	Arthur Thomas Hatch,	Isaac T. and Cornelia Ann
Dec. 3,	Mary O'Brien,	Andrew and Mary.
" 4,	George Herbert Sturtevant,	Zenas W. and Jane.
" 5,	Mary Grace Fickett,	Wyman C. and Orianna E.
" 7,	Oliver Bradfield Dunn,	Oliver J. and Charlotte B.
" 10,	Burton Ellsworth Morey,	William L. and Cynthia Ann.
" 20,	Mary Eliza Bisbee,	Frederick and Mary C.

Total number of Births in 1871,.....58

Males,34

Females,24

—58

Of foreign parentage,15

J. A. ROGERS, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS ENTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER IN 1871.

DATE.	NAMES.	YRS.	MO'S.	DYS.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	PARENTS, ETC.
Jan'y	7 Frank A Eustis,	6	6	8	Diphtheria,	William H. and Sylvia.
"	23 Mary Mahoney,	2	6	—	Creup,	James and Julia.
"	24 Charlotte E. Kingman,	8	7	24	Scarlet fever,	Ezra and Harriet.
Feb'y	13 Wallace E. Dickerman,	3	5	4	"	Lucius F. and Josephine V.
"	23 Warren T. Snell,	28	—	—	Pistol shot wound,	Nathan T. and Harriet F.
"	23 Lydia Poole,	71	4	25	Consumption,	Birthplace, Hanson.
"	28 Nellie F. Randall,	26	1	9	Dropsy,	Wife of John S. Randall.
"	28 Thomas H. Norris,	—	4	12	Internal hemorrhage,	Patrick and Bridget.
"	28 Mary Lee Feeney,	1	3	7	Lung fever,	Michael Jr. and Mary.
March	12 Bartholomew Coughlin,	35	—	—	Drowning,	John and Elizabeth.
"	14 Isaac Reed,	66	1	16	Heart disease,	Isaac and Sally.
"	24 Isaac Warren Reed,	17	5	28	Typhoid fever,	Isaac and Sarah W.
"	27 Polly Richards,	76	11	5	Chronic bronchitis,	Wife of Ziba Richards,
April	4 Clarrissa Humphrey,	63	5	6	Consumption,	Wife of Henry Humphrey.
"	11 Nancy Pratt,	82	2	7	Injury by a fall.	Wife of Isaac Pratt.
"	12 Luther F. Chamberlain,	12	5	25	Phthisis,	Francis B. and Esther T.
May	8 Lydia S. Newhall,	84	1	12	Paralysis,	Widow of S. P. Newhall.
"	9 Ira Bates,	70	11	4	Dilatation of the heart,	John W. and Mary Porter.
"	12 Lucinda Hudson,	80	4	14	Old age,	Widow of Melzar Hudson.
"	13 Welcome Young,	78	6	13	Pneumonia,	Robert and Molly.
"	22 Georgianna W. Price,	19	5	17	Consumption,	Wife of Henry W. Price.
June	3 Patrick Morey,	55	—	—	Paralytic shock,	James and Jubey.
"	4 ——— Smith,	—	—	4	Constipation,	Frank and Alice G.
"	5 Mabel E. Hale,	7	—	21	Scarletina,	Henry Z. and Lydia A.
"	11 Willard Whitman,	68	2	23	Schirrus,	Nathan and Mercy.
"	11 Henry W. Peck,	57	4	25	Consumption,	Edmond and Sybil.
"	16 Mabel F. Harden,	—	—	29	Congestion of lungs,	Jehiel B. and Ruth T.
"	20 Wm. Davis Mitchell,	18	3	26	Heart disease and dropsy,	James H. and Harriet L.

LIST OF DEATHS.—CONTINUED.

June	30	Clarissa Stetson,	81	Putrid sore throat,	Thomas G. and Frances L.
July	7	Benjamin Keith,	86	Old age,	John and Servialh.
"	10	— Kingman,	—	Still born.	Nathan 2d and Mary J.
"	18	Samuel French,	54	Injury by a fall,	Samuel P. and Mary.
August	2	Mary Miller Bailey,	8	11 27 Congestion of brain,	William S. and Mary Ann.
"	3	Gertrude W. Newhall,	—	4 25 Canker,	Frank W. and Mary A.
"	5	Elizabeth C. Orr,	68	1 Bronchitis,	Wife of Samuel A. Orr, M. D.
"	6	Nahum N. Smith,	26	6 22 Consumption,	Christopher B. and Judith P.
"	21	Anna W. Harden,	—	— Still born,	Luther and Julia A.
"	27	Alice Jane Sharp,	23	2 22 Typhoid fever,	Wife of Simeon Sharp.
"	31	James Henry Feecey,	—	6 — Cholera infantum,	Michael, Jr. and Mary.
Sept.	3	Frank Hayward,	—	4 — Canker,	Leonard H. and Emeline A.
"	21	James Mahoney,	36	— Cholera morbus,	John and Honore.
Oct.	8	Chester L. Whitman,	5	— 21 Dysentery,	Eleazer and Carrie R.
"	12	Emeline C. Smith,	12	7 2 Putrid sore throat,	Nahum B. and Fanny J.
"	14	Flora Bell Washburn,	—	3 Canker,	Henry and Eva W.
"	16	George W. Barrell,	69	11 23 Water about the heart,	James and Betsey.
"	18	Julia Ann Harden.	41	1 25 Consumption,	Wife of Luther Harden.
Nov.	4	Susan Williamson Brett	11	2 5 Ulcerated throat.	Royal T. and Sarah Pierce.
"	14	Harriet W. Churchill,	6	6 25 Diphtheria,	Frederick S. and Francelia A.
"	20	Mary C. Mildram,	28	— 8 Congestion of lungs,	Birth-place, Wells, Me.
"	29	Nabby Whitman,	86	— 23 Old age,	Widow of Eleazer Whitman.
Dec.	5	Lester Everett Morey,	1	— 10 Diphtheria,	William L. and Cynthia A.
"	7	Ruth B. Thrasher,	4	11 23 Chronic croup,	Daniel W. and Adrianna.
"	13	Abial Thomas.	69	9 10 Paralysis,	Birth-place, Middleboro.
"	23	Henry W. Converse.	19	— 25 Consumption,	Marquis D. and Martha A.

Number of deaths registered, 54; males 25, females 29. Of American birth 50; of foreign birth 4. 33 were born in East Bridgewater. 19 were married; 1 widower; 3 widows. Average age 31 years, 8 months, 4 days.

J. A. ROGERS, Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1872.



REPORT.

The Town, by a vote of its inhabitants at their last annual meeting, having decided to increase the number of its School Committee to nine members, so divided as, in some degree, to represent the former School Districts, the undersigned, elected in pursuance of that vote, submit their Report for the fiscal year just now closed :

The Board, as finally constituted, consisted of

BAALIS SANFORD, MOSES BATES, NATHAN KINGMAN, 2d,	}	Elected for three years.
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JOHN H. HATHAWAY, FRANCIS HAYWARD,	}	Elected for two years.
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HENRY GURNEY, FRANKLIN KEITH, GEORGE W. HARDEN,	}	Elected for one year.
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Dr. Chas. W. Harris, who was elected for two years, having declined to serve, Rev. Austin Dodge was chosen by a Convention of the Selectmen and School Committee to supply the vacancy, until the next annual meeting of the inhabitants of the Town.

The Board was organized by the choice of Rev. BAALIS SANFORD, Chairman ; MOSES BATES, Secretary and Treasurer.

The matter of providing and assigning teachers, and the general supervision of the Schools, was delegated to a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. SANFORD, BATES, and DODGE ; and to each member of the whole Committee was assigned the care and custody of the school property in the immediate vicinity of his own residence.

The experience and observation of your Committee during the year have developed a result neither satisfactory to themselves nor just to the people of the Town. Elected under circumstances which were conceived to be not altogether in harmony with the wishes of those who seemed to consider our Public Schools a sort of legacy, to be nursed and cared for in proportion as they served the purpose of their attainment, your Committee were not only met at the threshold of their duties with a determination, more especially on the part of some who were expected to be benefited by the High School and the Intermediate School in the same building—to defeat them in their every effort to make the schools of the Town a success, but throughout the year this hostility has continued to be manifested ; and instead of the liberal contributions and encouragements of former years, to inspire the scholars with a laudable ambition to excel in their respective positions, our schools have been constantly stigmatized in the presence of pupils, teachers have been disparaged in their efforts to excite an interest in their work, and nothing has seemed so much to annoy a

few people, hitherto professing great regard for our schools, as the evidence of success in spite of their opposition. In addition to these discouragements, our schools have been compelled to encounter what has seemed almost a conspiracy on the part of those in want of superior teachers, to offer such encouragements as to induce our teachers to lose their interest in their respective schools, and, in some instances, to resign their positions, at a time when their services ought to have been invaluable to our own scholars.

But, in spite of these and other obstacles of a kindred nature, the schools throughout the Town have made commendable progress during the year; and your Committee would cheerfully present them in comparison with the Schools of any Town, where no larger amount of money per scholar is appropriated.

LENGTH OF SCHOOLS.

The appropriation for the present school year was the same as that of the preceding; yet we have been enabled to continue the High School, as usual, forty weeks, and each of the others thirty-six weeks, being one week more than they have had in any previous year. As in the Spring the opening of the schools was necessarily delayed, they have not yet completed the school year by several weeks.

There will still be a balance of appropriation in the hands of the Treasurer, after cancelling all the liabilities incurred by the Committee, which it is proposed to expend

in providing maps and charts for the several school rooms, and thus balance the appropriation.

EAST PRIMARY.

Teachers, Summer term—Miss MARY S. PERKINS, of N. Middleboro'; Fall term—Miss ANNA WHEELER, of W. Bridgewater; Winter term—Miss MARY E. WHITE, of this Town.

In the Summer vacation Miss PERKINS was transferred to Joppa Intermediate, and at the close of the Fall term Miss WHEELER was transferred to Curtis School. These frequent changes the Committee regretted, but on consultation agreed, that, on the whole, they were advisable, owing chiefly to the difficulty existing at the time, of obtaining teachers elsewhere of the right kind to fill the vacancies referred to.

This school, under their earnest and enlightened teaching, made commendable improvement.

Our conclusion, derived from personal inspections, in regard to Miss WHITE, teacher in the Winter term, is: that she was not wanting in the required literary qualifications; that she was very desirous to promote the welfare of her pupils; that she labored faithfully with that end in view; and that, all things considered, her work deserves to be spoken of in terms of commendation.

WEST PRIMARY.

This school, during the entire year, was under the charge of Miss EMMA R. NASH, a graduate of the High

School, and has made steady improvement throughout each term. At each visit of the Committee were presented a high degree of order and interested attention to the lessons prescribed. Particular excellence was noted in Reading, Spelling, and Geography; and each of the first class show a strong probability, that at the end of the Winter term, they will be well fitted to enter a higher grade.

JOPPA PRIMARY.

The same untiring and steady devotion to her work has marked the teaching of Miss MARY C. PRATT during another year. The Fall term closed prematurely, on account of diptheria, and the attendance during the Winter term was affected by the illness of several pupils.

The school room, under the charge of this experienced teacher, is made to the little ones a home,—a place of obedience, improvement, and love.

NORTH PRIMARY.

This school, now for the third year under the care of Miss DORA P. STUART, of this Town, has during the year fully sustained the good reputation given to it by former Committees. To some extent the disparity of scholarship referred to in another connection, has obtained in this school, and some who have been there for years have made so little progress, it is hardly probable they will be more than *primary* scholars should they remain in school

until the dawn of the millenium. But as, under our free school system, not even intellectual differences are recognized, obstacles of this nature cannot be expected to be overcome. This school, however, has advanced, in spite of any discouragement, and the progress during the year has been, in some instances, quite remarkable. Methodical in her arrangements and systematic in her discipline, Miss STUART has been enabled to keep up a steady progress during the year, though the school has been constantly increasing in numbers,—now numbering fifty scholars,—and another class, the third under the same instruction, will, at the close of the present term, be prepared to enter the Intermediate School.

SATUCKET.

At the beginning of the year this school was again placed in charge of Miss IDA M. PRATT, of North Middleboro, whose efforts for its improvement had been so successful the previous year. Under her skillful management the school continued to exhibit a high degree of prosperity. Cheerful regard to the rules of order was rendered by all the pupils, and such were the teacher's methods of instruction and the dignified courtesy of applying them, that earnest study and good success marked the exercises of the several classes.

At the end of the Fall term the school was visited by a considerable number of parents and friends, who were highly gratified by the proofs exhibited of its prosperity and success. This pleasure, however, was mingled with

much regret at Miss Pratt's then resigning her position, and retiring from a field of labor she has so long and profitably occupied.

Her place for the winter term was filled by Miss MARY E. WHITING, of Lexington, a teacher of some experience. She had the advantage of finding the school in excellent condition ; but also the disadvantage of incurring the risk always existing in such cases, of not being able, even with good ability, to carry it forward to higher points of excellence. She labored for this end with patience and fidelity ; yet, seeing evidences, as she believed, that her efforts in that position were not, and would not be, appreciated, she at length resigned it, after seven weeks' service, leaving five weeks of the term unfinished.

After a necessary delay of one week, the position was occupied by Miss MARIA J. BANCROFT, of Reading ; a graduate of the Normal School, at Bridgewater. Though at this writing she has continued her labors but little more than a week, they have already furnished a pleasing prospect of success.

CURTIS.

This school was taught in the Summer and Fall terms, by Miss JOSEPHINE UNDERWOOD, of this town. Being small in number she found it more difficult to raise much animation in the classes. She labored patiently for their benefit, with good results, which doubtless would have been better if a higher standard of order had been maintained. At the end of the second term, she tendered her resignation.

The school having been supplied with elegant desks and seats, giving a new interest in the right direction, was committed, for the Winter term, to Miss ANNA WHEELER, of West Bridgewater. Under her prompt and systematic efforts, a happy change was speedily effected in the deportment of the pupils, and their earnest progress in all the studies was in a high degree commendatory.

EASTVILLE.

This school was taught during the Summer and Autumn terms, by Miss HARRIET A. HOLBROOK, of Joppa Village, a young lady of superior attainments, amiable and dignified in her deportment, who had previously been employed for a few weeks in another of the schools of the town. The school itself is another evidence of the disadvantage of a "mixed school," which seems to be indispensable at present in a town as sparsely settled as many portions of our own. With some of the brightest and best material for superior scholarship, this school is provided, through the generous patronage of one of our free public institutions located in the vicinity, with a good number of scholars who will never be distinguished either for their good deportment or their assiduous devotion to learning. This difference in the character of the scholars soon made it apparent to the teacher that no classification could be made which would enable her to do justice to those who were ambitious of success, without a neglect of those who had an equal claim upon her for aid. This difficulty was neither dissipated nor diminished as weeks and months

passed, the industrious and ambitious being compelled to drag the lazy and the vicious along their course, and at the close of her second term Miss Holbrook resigned her position to accept a place more in consonance with her acquirements and her experience in a graded school. In spite of the discouragements to both teacher and scholars the school made commendable progress under Miss Holbrook's excellent discipline.

For the Winter term Miss MARY J. CURRAN, of Bangor, Maine, has been in charge of the school, and though unfamiliar with some of the peculiarities of the Massachusetts system of teaching, she has succeeded in interesting the scholars in their work, and the committee are fully confident that the close of the term will present a class respectable in numbers, amply qualified, and who will be welcomed to the High School of our Town.

NORTHVILLE.

This school has been for the third year under the charge of Miss JULIA B. WHITE, of Randolph ; and the same success which has attended her labors in the past has continued to the present time. Cheerful, vivacious and happy herself, Miss White inspires in her scholars a disposition to make study a pastime, rather than a task ; and if, in assimilating herself to the peculiarities of the children around her, there is sometimes a lack of that order which is considered so essential in these days of "improved school systems," still she never loses her authority over her school, and the

progress of her scholars is another proof that human minds can be *led* far more successfully than they can be *driven* into acquiring knowledge.

The measles, mumps, chicken pox, and almost every other malady, seem to have conspired during the Fall and Winter terms to reduce the number in attendance ; but still, the teacher has persevered in her work, and will present a class thoroughly qualified for admission to our High School, and thus afford another evidence of the advantage to the scholars in a remote section of the Town, in being provided with a *free school*, where they may obtain all the advantages of the higher branches of education, fitting them for any position in life which choice or necessity may assign to them, and at the expense of the people of the whole town.

Very much to the regret of the Committee, Miss WHITE will close her connection with the schools of our Town with her present term, to accept a more remunerative position, but she will carry with her the kind wishes of a large number of friends.

WEST CROOK.

At the commencement of the year this school was placed in charge of Miss GEORGIA M. DUCKWORTH, of Bridgewater, a graduate of the Normal School, and a teacher of some experience in other towns. Miss DUCKWORTH soon won the kind regards of the scholars ; and the school, entering upon their work with an earnest of suc-

cess, made excellent progress during the Summer term. The Fall term commenced apparently under auspices equally favorable, but the health of the teacher was soon precarious from an affection of the throat, growing still more serious as the term advanced, until she was compelled to resign her charge, feeling that her health would not enable her to do justice to herself or to the school. Miss DUCKWORTH left the school with the kind sympathy of children and parents, and though, from the causes enumerated, the progress of the school during the second term was not all that had been anticipated, it was no detriment to the teacher, who sustained her previous good reputation.

For the Winter term the Committee were fortunate in securing the services of Miss FANNIE REED, a resident of the immediate vicinity of the school room, and previously a teacher in the school, with ample qualifications, and the necessary experience to fit her for the school room. Miss REED at once set about correcting everything which might seem to conflict with her ideas of system, and the school, especially the more advanced classes, are making good progress in their work. A large number of scholars have been absent from sickness, especially during the Winter term, and one of the best scholars has died during the year; but, in spite of their misfortunes, this is among the best of the *mixed schools* of the Town.

BEAVER.

This school has been under the care of Miss ELLA F. CHURCHILL, of West Bridgewater. An earnest and faithful teacher, she has devoted herself to the best interests of her pupils, and the school has made commendable progress.

Miss LOTTIE K. RICHARDS, on account of ill health, and much to the regret of her scholars, resigned her position as assistant, and was succeeded by Miss HATTIE E. ALLEN, who has discharged her duties faithfully and successfully during the year.

JOPPA INTERMEDIATE.

During the Summer term this school was taught by Miss CLARA L. GRAY.

Miss GRAY is an amiable and devoted teacher. The school is a difficult one, and her health being somewhat impaired, she resigned at the close of the Summer term. She was succeeded by Miss MARY S. PERKINS, who has won the love of both pupils and parents. Under her charge the school indicates decided discipline and efficient teaching.

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

At the beginning of the year Miss SARAH M. MOODY, of this Town was engaged as Principal, the school numbering more than eighty pupils. But the government of so many being found specially difficult, she retired from her position at the end of eight weeks.

Her successor was Miss ABBIE J. ADAMS, of Brookfield, a graduate of Bridgewater Normal School. In a few days, she wrought a very gratifying change in the condition of the school. This change was produced, not by special severity, but by earnest and well directed effort in the business of each day, mingling love and firmness in the enforcement of authority, and rendering order and industry to a great extent attractive to the pupils under her charge. Her efforts, so successful in the Fall term, were continued in the Winter, with equally good results; making this, in all its essential features, an excellent school.

Miss GEORGIA KEITH, the assistant teacher, has continued her services through the entire year, discharging her duties in a manner worthy of commendation.

These teachers have labored in harmony, with earnest care and persistent effort, giving pleasing evidence that they have not labored in vain.

Miss Adams, having in the Winter term, received an offer of a situation much more remunerative, at the end of ten weeks, tendered her resignation; which was accepted with reluctance by the Committee.

After an interval of one week, Miss ELLA J. BASSETT, of Reading, a recent graduate of Bridgewater Normal School, was appointed as Principal for the remainder of the Winter term, and she has entered upon her duties with good prospects of success.

It deserves, we think, special consideration by the Town that this school has become much too large for the charge of one Principal. It was furnished, this year, with sixteen additional desks; and the prospect is, from the large classes annually sent up from the Primary, that its number will yearly increase. The time seems fully come for providing for this exigency.

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the beginning of the year the High School was placed under the charge of Mr. WYMAN C. FICKETT, a graduate of Tufts College. His approved scholarship and long experience had gained him reputation in other places. It deserves to be mentioned that he commenced his labors here under unfavorable circumstances, arising from strong prejudices, which from various causes had been excited to some extent, and subjected him to difficulties in his course, which even his patience and continued devotion to his work did not entirely overcome. His success has been all that could reasonably have been expected.

Miss FLORENCE A. JENKINS, now in the fourth year of her connection with the school, fully sustained her former reputation, as an earnest and efficient assistant teacher.

At the beginning of the school year twenty-two were admitted on examination, forming the Junior class. The number of pupils in the Middle Class, is twenty. The Senior Class numbers seven, six of whom will have finished the studies of the English course, at the end of the

present term, and receive the honors of graduation.

The work accomplished in the school the past year in the higher English branches, has been thorough and extensive; while reading and spelling, on which these essentially depend, have received a proper share of interest and attention, with gratifying results. The classes in Latin made critical and unusual progress in this noble language,—which, though called “dead,” because not spoken, is in fact living, and enters largely into the vitality and beauty of the English language and literature.

An examination of the record of each class for the year, will show, with very few individual exceptions, a high degree of excellence; and personal observation in the school room has evinced that the daily work of the teachers has tended to fix knowledge in the mind, mainly by its *thinking* rather than from memorizing.

Much benefit, we are assured, has resulted from the practice of occasionally subjecting the scholars by the teacher to the ordeal of writing down the answers to questions given them as a test of their real attainments, to be exhibited to parents and others. This method is peculiarly adapted to give to all accurate knowledge of the real acquirements and standing of the members of each class.

As we have in this Town no separate Grammar School grade, the standard of admission to the High School must necessarily be somewhat modified on that account. The general principle to be adopted should be, that of

extending its privileges to the greatest possible number in the whole town ; this being the object for which it was established and is supported by all the citizens. And the same principle should have influence in fixing the course of studies. As many of the larger pupils who are dependent on their own exertions for a living, do not expect to have time to go through the course, they should attend to those studies chiefly which are of most practical utility. The best we can do, under the circumstances, is to establish a general rule, making the standard both for admission and graduation as high as possible, in consistency with a strict regard to the rights and interest of all parties concerned.

Standing, as the High School does, at the head of our system of free education, intending to complete a public school course, and well calculated to accomplish the noble object, its benefits are too conspicuous not to recommend it to the generous patronage and support of the Town.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Instead of an appropriation of *six thousand dollars*, asked for by the former School Committee, the Town at its last annual meeting limited your Committee to the sum of \$1,200.00, to be expended in "repairing and refitting school houses," during the year. This sum has been expended, as will be seen by the Financial Report of the Treasurer of your Committee, in painting, repairing,

and furnishing new seats and desks, for the Intermediate School Room in Joppa; and in providing similar furniture for the North Primary School Room; shingling and reseating the Curtis School House; adding new desks to the Centre Intermediate School Room, to meet the demand of ninety scholars, and made slight repairs in several other houses. With regard to the school house in Northville, your Committee having received a petition signed by nearly every voter in what was formerly that district, demanding a new house for that school, took no action until they had ascertained the demands of that section of the Town. The number of scholars there to be accommodated never exceeds thirty-five, and is growing less with each succeeding year, while on the part of a portion of the parents and guardians, there seems to be very little interest felt to keep their children in school. For a school house they have had a building 22+36 feet, standing upon a firm stone foundation several feet above the surface of the ground around it, and higher in the walls than any dwelling house in the district, but which was of little value for any other purpose than that for which it was erected. To expend \$2,000 or \$3,000 for the erection of a new house to accommodate so small a number of scholars, when the house so recently purchased by the Town was of ample dimensions, seemed neither just to the tax payers, nor required for the good of the school. Your Committee have therefore had the house entirely renovated, shingled, re-plastered, and refitted,

new seats and desks of the most approved construction have been provided, and with the addition of blinds to the windows, and the enlargement of the school yard, the property will be all that the school requires, or that can be reasonably demanded of the Town. All these improvements are referred to by the Committee with the greater satisfaction, because they have been brought within the limits of the appropriation provided for that purpose; and we recommend a like amount for the present year, believing that with that sum all the school house property of the Town can be put in good condition.

The separation of the West Bridgewater scholars from the Beaver school, and the purchase by this town of all outside interest in that school property will compel a change in the location of that house, and also that of the West Primary school. Your Committee believe that with a proper change of location, a new Intermediate school can be provided for, to relieve the increasing pressure upon the Centre school; and though these changes may require a special appropriation to carry them into effect, yet they will save the erection of a new house for several years to come, and thus, in the end, be an economical expenditure.

APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS.

With one exception all the schools in Town, during the year, have been under the charge of females. Vacancies, from various causes, occurred more frequently than we desired or anticipated, but they were filled in season, with

competent teachers. It is found by experience, that while ladies are as capable of acquiring the requisite qualifications as the other sex, they exhibit more tact and skill in imparting instruction ; and we are happy to state that in respect to order, as well as other features of a good school, our female instructors have, on the whole, been successful, with the infliction of but little corporal punishment. It is found that if sustained by committees and parents, they are able to maintain excellent discipline ; and not unfrequently, by an earnest and skilful application of moral force, can prevent the necessity of chastisement.

A NEW SCHOOL STUDY.

A recent act of the Legislature has included Drawing among the branches of learning required to be taught in the public schools. The Committee introduced it, in the Winter term, into the High school and Centre Intermediate, where classes have made in it an interesting beginning. We hope to see, ere long, as many of the schools as practicable, sharers in its benefits. For this branch is not simply an accomplishment, but of great practical utility, in almost every mechanical art. History shows that "it is taught in all the schools of Prussia, and to this fact may be attributed their superiority in works of art and design."

To bring the study fully within our school system, will require some time ; and we suggest to all who may wish

to become teachers in our schools, the legal necessity of being qualified, in due season, to give instruction in the rudiments of Drawing.

PRIMARY INSTRUCTION.

In reviewing the condition of our schools we see abundant proofs that no where are attention and effort more profitably bestowed than upon the Primary and Intermediate—the latter being only an advanced Primary grade. It was a great improvement, when the little scholars were taken, as far as practicable, from the mixed schools, and classified by themselves; and for the last twenty years, there has been marked improvement in the methods of teaching them. It is now well established that it would be dry and tedious to restrict their attention to reading spelling, and perhaps a combination of numbers, without special effort to render the attainment of knowledge pleasant. The exercises should be interspersed with recesses, singing, drawing, object lessons to illustrate facts in geography, history and natural science. Thus the mind will be diverted with what otherwise would be a round of tiresome tasks.

These are important helps to the teacher in awakening and maintaining interest, but do not prevent the necessity of inventing methods of her own, to attract the children to her instructions. She should gather a fund of information, on the subjects of the day, exert an active ingenuity in de-

vising plans to impart it, energy and zeal in executing them, and unfailing kindness in seeking to make them pleasant. To a want of tact in this regard, it is chiefly owing, that so many young children have formed an incurable dislike for school and study. The rudiments of knowledge are the foundation without which no solid and beautiful structure can afterwards be erected. And the impression given at this impressive period, for good or evil, goes with the scholar through all his subsequent course, to facilitate or obstruct his success.

Hence the importance of primary instruction, and that she who undertakes it, should acquaint herself, as far as possible, with the most improved methods; should not only have a thorough knowledge of the subjects taught, but an aptness to teach and interest the young mind; and what is more, should possess a love for the work, and lady-like accomplishments.

HOW SCHOLARS ARE MADE.

Your Committee are conscious that the most vigilant care is required in obtaining, if possible, those persons possessing the varied and high qualifications requisite to successful teaching. We find a marked difference between teachers in the mode of conducting recitations. One follows closely and mechanically the words of the text book, thinking that duty is discharged and every requirement met, if the language of the book is accurately rehearsed.

This may tend to strengthen the memory and store the mind with facts and phrases, that may be of some use in the future; but it awakens little interest in teacher or pupil, and tends less to intellectual development.

Another teacher, without discarding books, is careful to furnish his own mind with thorough knowledge on the subject in hand, and by illustrations of his own, so explain and present it to the minds of the learners, that they will not only retain the dry rules of the book, but perceive and understand the principles and meaning of the matter, and be able to apply them to the business of practical life. This is the only true teaching. By it the subject is no longer cold, formal and abstract, but fraught with an interesting significance. It is no longer repulsive and tedious, but clothed with an appreciable attraction.

In the teaching of reading, for instance, some permit the learner to utter the mere words, without directing him first to study for the meaning. Hence he makes the performance a mere mechanical exercise, repeating the words in a monotonous tone, with scarcely more interest than he would feel if he were reading in an unknown tongue. Hence we seldom hear really good reading, either within or outside the school room.

And the fault is not, in our judgment, in the want of voice, or suitable books; but from lack of proper training and drilling. Teachers find this branch attended with peculiar difficulties. Hence so few are found who teach reading well. Among the first things requisite is, to have no lesson read without conveying as much as possible of

its meaning to the understanding of the readers. This, attended with constant drill through all the grades, would naturally lead to correct emphasis, inflection, enunciation; and the monotonous mumbling of mere words, too often heard, would be broken up.

That only is true teaching which leads the learner to make acquirements by his own exertions, and thus awakens the desire for still further attainments, and increases the ability to make them; so that the teacher should do all in his power to encourage in the pupil the process of self-development. In the language of Daniel Webster: "Costly apparatus and splendid cabinets have no magical power to make scholars. As a man is, in all circumstances, under God, the master of his own fortune, so he is the maker of his own mind. The Creator has so constituted the human intellect, that it can only grow by its own action; and by its own action it will certainly and necessarily grow. Every man must therefore educate himself. His books and teachers are but helps: the work is his."

Let the teacher direct the pupil what to study; but, more than all, awaken if possible a passion for knowledge, and stimulate the mind to the practice of self-reliance, as chiefly important.

But that intellectual training is not enough to make scholars, in the truest and best sense, is but too evident. If education stop here, it fails of its principal end. Most certainly the powers of the child's *moral* nature must be awakened and strengthened, so as to restrain him from

immorality and vice, and fix in him an unrelaxing adherence to integrity and truth, and whatever is pure and virtuous in speech and conduct. The importance of this cannot be overrated by parent or teacher. For what will it profit to send out from our schools pupils, however advanced in sciences, without the love and practice of what is good, and right in character? This, by a sad perversion, would make their learning a power for evil.

Statute requirement, therefore, as well as personal obligation, demands of the teacher the judicious inculcation of the lessons of moral virtue. He must also exemplify his teachings, both within and without the school room, or they will be worse than useless. There will always be some in every school with disposition and conduct annoying to the teacher and to others. But it is very impressive, if, in the midst of his trials, he exhibit cultivated and refined manners,—nothing harsh, petulant, perturbed, or undignified. The advice of Coleridge, though expressed in verse, is to the point :

“O’er wayward children would’st thou hold firm rule,
And sun thee in the light of happy faces?
Love, Hope, and Patience must be the graces,—
And in thy own heart, let these first keep school.”

In conclusion : Highly important as is the procuring of teachers who combine high moral and literary qualifications, not less important is it that they not only be furnished with adequate compensation, but receive the active sympathy and encouragement of parents, for retaining and rendering effectual, their invaluable services.

In this connection the Committee would be unfaithful to their trust if they failed to appeal to the people of the Town to aid them in the application of some remedy for the habitual truancy which is doing much to discourage teachers, and depreciate the average attendance and scholarship in all our schools. Without action on the part of the Town, School Committees are without authority to correct this growing evil, and your Committee have referred to it only with the hope that such action may be taken, as the interests of our schools and of good order may seem to demand.

By order of the School Committee,

BAALIS SANFORD, *Chairman*,
MOSES BATES, *Secretary*.

East Bridgewater, March 1, 1872.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For schools and school purposes,	\$5,000 00
Incidental expenses,	600 00
Repairing and refitting school houses,	1,200 00
Scholars attending school in Halifax,	60 00
Rec'd of school committee for 1870,	
postage stamps, ...	42
" " " in Town Treasury,	10 10
From State school fund,	215 85
Town of West Bridgewater, for Beaver	
school,	205 74
Reimbursement of tax on dogs,	168 60
Total available amount,	<u>\$7,460 71</u>

EXPENDITURES.

REPAIRING AND REFITTING SCHOOL HOUSES.

NORTHVILLE.

Paid Caleb G. Lazell amount of contract,	\$34 500
do. for shingling, setting sinks, &c..	27 45
Pratt & Co., for shingles,	22 50
Willard Johnson, sinks and pipe,	6 87
J. L. Hammett, liquid slating,	10 00
Old Colony and Newport Railway, freight,	3 50
W. G. Shattuck, school furniture,	155 34
Henry Gurney, grading,	3 00
	<u>\$573 66</u>

JOPPA INTERMEDIATE.

Paid J. L. Ross for school furniture,	\$175 80
Old Colony and Newport Railway, freight, ..	2 12
R. T. Brett, whitening and repairing,	8 30
J. E. Davenport, painting,	20 91
J. L. Hammett, liquid slating,	5 50
C. G. Lazell, repairing and seating school room,	15 60
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	\$228 23

NORTH PRIMARY.

Paid J. L. Ross, school furniture,	\$159 65
Old Colony and Newport Railway, freight, ..	1 95
C. G. Lazell, labor, seating school room,	7 15
Samuel R. Newhall, repairs,	2 11
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	\$170 86

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

Paid W. G. Shattuck, school furniture,	\$80 95
Old Colony and Newport Railway, freight, ..	2 15
J. L. Hammett, liquid slating,	10 00
H. A. Grow, painting black boards,	2 25
John H. Vosmos, labor on seats and desks, ..	13 50
Sampson's Express for transportation,	1 00
C. G. Lazell, repairing doors, curtains, &c. . .	2 35
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	\$112 20

CURTIS SCHOOL.

Paid John H. Vosmos, shingles and shingling, ..	\$24 16
W. G. Shattuck, school furniture,	63 26
Old Colony and Newport Railway, freight, ..	2 89
C. G. Lazell, labor on seats and desks,	5 00
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	\$95 31

EASTVILLE.

Paid J. H. Vosmos, changing desks,	\$4 50
Benj. L. Washburn, repairs,	35
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	\$4 85

WEST CROOK.

Paid Gladden Bonney, repairs,	\$7 25
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RECAPITULATION.

Paid on property at Northville,	\$573 66
Joppa Intermediate,	228 23
North Primary,	170 86
Centre Intermediate,	112 20
Curtis School,	95 31
Eastville,	4 85
West Crook,	7 25
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	\$1,192 36
Less than appropriation,	\$7 64

TOWN OF HALIFAX.

Paid for tuition of two scholars in 1869,	\$13 32
Five scholars, 1870,	41 65
One scholar, 1871,	6 50
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	\$61 47
Exceeding appropriation,	\$1 47

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid Wyman C. Fickett, Principal, salary 40 weeks,	\$1,000 00
Miss Florence A. Jenkins, Assistant,	360 00
Mrs. P. Barrett, cleaning and sweeping, ...	23 75
Minot F. Severance, care of house,	17 50
Willie C. Woodward, " "	6 50
F. L. Benson, procuring water,	4 60
East Bridgewater Iron Co. for coal,	37 30
T. F. Wood, charcoal,	4 07
Willard Johnson, funnel, labor, &c.	14 85
C. G. Lazell, repairing doors and blinds, ..	2 00
Daniel Pratt, repairing clock,	1 50
W. Hall for keys,	80
W. C. Fickett, books for desk,	3 00
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	\$1,475 87

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

Paid Miss S. M. Moody, 8 weeks salary,	\$72 00
Miss A. J. Adams, 24 " "	288 00
Ella J. Bassett, 4 " "	48 00
Miss Georgia Keith, 36 " "	158 00
Mrs. Barrett for cleaning and sweeping,	8 75
Mrs. A. T. Shaw " "	1 25
Archie Woodward, care of room,	4 00
Michael Reardon, " "	3 50
Frank E. Wentworth " "	10 00
East Bridgewater Iron Co. for coal,	36 92
T. F. Wood, charcoal,	5 25
S. White, shavings,	20
Willard Johnson, locks, buckets, &c.	3 73
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	\$639 60

BEAVER SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Ella F. Churchill, 36 weeks salary, . . .	\$288 00
Miss Lotta K. Richards, Assistant,	34 80
Miss Hattie E. Allen, "	129 80
Francis Hayward, cleaning and repairing, . .	22 66
do. for wood,	30 00
Henry Gurney, "	14 75
Francis Hayward, preparing fuel,	17 90
Miss E. F. Churchill, care of upper room, . .	5 50
Miss H. E. Allen, " " " . .	4 25
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	\$547 66

JOPPA INTERMEDIATE.

Paid Miss Clara L. Gray, teaching 10 weeks, . . .	\$80 00
Miss Mary S. Perkins, " 10 " . . .	80 00
do. " 15 " . . .	127 50
Mrs. Winn, cleaning and sweeping,	6 75
Henry Hudson, care of room,	5 50
Willie Holmes, " "	4 00
Willard Johnson, stove and fixtures,	35 95
East Bridgewater Iron Co., coal,	18 18
W. Benson, repairs,	1 00
William B. Hall, repairing clock,	75
N. Kingman, paid for glazing,	75
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	\$360 38

JOPPA PRIMARY.

Paid Miss Mary C. Pratt, teaching 36 weeks, . . .	\$288 00
Mrs. Winn, cleaning and sweeping,	4 33
Henry G. Hill, wood.	10 00
Mark P. Hudson, wood.	8 00
Luther J. Nason, preparing same.	5 00
Silas Holbrook, " "	3 00
W. Johnson, stove and fixtures.	15 85
J. Knapp, repairs,	1 50
John Reed, care of house.	4 25
Willard Holmes, care house.	1 00
Seth B. Edson, repairing lock.	50
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	\$341 43

NORTHVILLE.

Paid Miss Julia B. White, teaching 36 weeks. . . .	\$288 00
Mrs. J. D. Thurlow, cleaning.	3 00
W. Johnson, stove and fixtures	17 29
Henry Gurney, wood.	12 50
Jotham C. Pratt, sawing and housing.	4 00
Miss J. B. White, care of house.	10 00
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	\$334 79

WEST CROOK.

Paid Miss Georgia M. Duckworth, teaching 23 weeks,	\$184 00
Miss Fannie Reed, teaching 13 weeks.....	104 00
Henry Gurney paid for cleaning and repairs	9 73
do. wood.....	14 75
Dennis S. Keene, sawing and housing	8 00
W. Johnson, stove and fixtures.....	9 82
Miss G. M. Duckworth, care of house	6 00
Charles Cole, " "	3 00
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	\$339 30

SATUCKET SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Ida M. Pratt, teaching 24 weeks,.....	\$192 00
Miss Mary E. Whiting, " 7 "	56 00
Miss Maria J. Bancroft, " 5 "	40 00
Charles Ramsden, care of house,.....	2 50
Willie Desmond, " "	6 00
Geo. W. Harden, wood,.....	15 50
" " preparing same,.....	5 63
W. Johnson, wash bowls, &c.,.....	1 25
Alfred Griffin, conveying teachers,.....	1 25
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	\$320 13

EASTVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Harriet A. Holbrook, teaching	
24 weeks,.....	\$192 00
Miss Mary J. Curran, teaching 12 weeks,....	96 00
Geo. W. Harden, Wood,.....	13 00
“ “ preparing same,.....	4 50
“ “ paid for sweeping,.....	30
E. S. Whitmarsh Jr., care of house,.....	8 50
Mrs. R. Underwood, cleaning,.....	3 00
W. Johnson, Basins, Buckets, Locks, &c....	4 12
A. J. Wilkinson, keys,.....	50
Alfred Griffin, conveying teacher,.....	1 00
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	\$322 92

CURTIS SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Josephine Underwood teaching	
22 3-5 weeks,	\$158 20
Anna Wheeler, 13 weeks,.....	97 50
George W. Harden, wood,.....	15 50
“ “ preparing same,.....	5 50
“ “ cleaning and repairs,....	8 87
Miss J. Underwood, care of house,.....	4 00
William Jackson, “ “	3 00
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	\$292 57

NORTH PRIMARY.

Paid Miss Dora P. Stewart, teaching 36 weeks,..	\$252 00
Mrs. O'Brien, cleaning,.....	3 00
Henry Gurney, for wood,.....	15 38
C. Homer Sanford, preparing same,.....	4 00
Thomas Cummings, “ “ 	1 25
S. White, for shavings,.....	20
W. Johnson, repairing stove,	4 50
“ “ buckets, basins, dusters, &c., ..	3 01
Miss D. P. Stewart, care of house,	9 00
Eddie Ellis, making fires,	1 00
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	\$293 94

EAST PRIMARY.

Paid Miss Mary S. Perkins, teaching 12 weeks,..	\$90 00
Miss Anna Wheeler, “ 12 “ ..	84 00
Miss Mary E. White, “ 12 “ ..	84 00
Mrs. Mary O'Brien, cleaning,.....	3 00
Geo. W. Harden, wood,.....	15 50
“ “ preparing same,	5 62
Miss M. S. Perkins, care of house,	2 50
Miss Anna Wheeler, “ “ 	3 00
Freddie Fuller, “ “ 	3 00
Ezra T. Fuller, repairing house,.....	3 00
W. Johnson, dusters,.....	85
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	\$294 47

WEST PRIMARY.

Paid Miss Emma R. Nash, teaching 36 weeks,...	\$252 00
Mrs. Crowley, cleaning,.....	2 00
Michael Crowley, care of house,.....	1 67
Miss E. R. Nash, “ “ 	3 00
John Noonan, “ “ 	30
Richmond N. Waterman,.....	3 00
Henry Gurney, for wood,	22 75
C. Homer Sanford, preparing same,	8 00
W. Johnson, for brooms, pails,&c.,.....	1 80
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	\$294 52

RECAPITULATION.

High school—Salary of teachers,	\$1,360 00	
Fuel and incidental expenses,	115 87—	\$1,475 87
Centre Intermediate—salary of teachers,	566 00	
Fuel and incidental expenses,	73 60—	639 60
Beaver school—Salary of teachers,	452 60	
Fuel and incidental expenses,	95 06—	547 66
Joppa Intermediate—Pay of teacher,	287 50	
Fuel and incidental expenses,	72 88—	360 38
Joppa Primary—Pay of teacher,	288 00	
Fuel and incidental expenses,	53 43—	341 43
Northville—Pay of teacher,	288 00	
Fuel and Incidental expenses,	46 79—	334 79
West Crook—Pay of teachers,	288 00	
Fuel and incidental expenses,	51 30—	339 30
Satucket—Pay of teachers,	288 00	
Fuel and incidental expenses,	32 12—	320 13
Eastville—Pay of teachers,	288 00	
Fuel and incidental expenses,	34 92—	322 92
Curtis—Pay of teachers,	255 70	
Fuel and incidentals,	36 87—	292 57
North Primary—Pay of teacher,	252 00	
Fuel and incidentals,	41 34—	293 34
East Primary—Pay of teachers,	258 00	
Fuel and incidentals,	36 47—	294 47
West Primary—Pay of teacher,	252 00	
Fuel and Incidentals,	42 52—	294 52
Amount paid to teachers,	\$5,123 80	
Incidental expenses, fuel, &c.	733 18	
Total cost of schools,		\$5,856 98

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Carter Bros, Ink.....	\$11 70
D. Cummings—brooms	8 00
Harwood's express.....	55
John Waterman—horse hire	6 53
J. L. Hammond—crayons and erasers.....	19 30
Sampson's express	1 65
J. Burrell—printing blanks.....	17 25
A. W. Locke & Co.—printing notices.....	2 30
W. W. Avery— “ “	2 00
Boston Journal —advertising for teachers....	4 12
I. N. Nutter—books to indigent scholars and desks	39 23
S. B. Allen—do.....	2 66
H. A. Grow—glazing.....	6 05
James Rollins— “	2 20
Alfred Griffin—horse and carriage	3 00
G. W. Shattack—balance acc't	42
Amos Hunting—soap	55
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	\$127 51

ORDERS DRAWN ON BILLS OF FORMER COMMITTEE.

Paid Sheldon & Co., New York.....	\$12 00
Brewer & Tileston, Boston.....	10 50
Stedman, Brown & Lyon—Atlas.....	12 00
F. Hayward—sundries.....	1 71
W. Johnson— “	1 17
Geo. B. Howland	1 00
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	\$38 38

ORDERS DRAWN BY FORMER COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION
FOR CURRENT YEAR.

Paid Charles H. Goss—sundries	\$4 80
Frederick Nutter—copying	3 00
Minot F. Severance—High School	2 33
Berton Wentworth—care of room	1 65
Amos Hunting—sundries	30
Mary Evans—sweeping	1 50
Jarvis Burrell—printing	3 10
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	\$16 68
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Total on account of former Committee,	\$55 06

TRIAL BALANCE.

BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

In account with Town of East Bridgewater,

DR.

Appropriation for schools and inci-	
dentals,	\$5,600 00
Repairing school houses,	1,200 00
Education in Halifax,	60 00
Dog tax reimbursement,	168 60
School Fund,	215 85
Town of W. Bridgewater	205 74
Committee of 1870,	10 42
Total,	<hr/> \$7,460 71

Paid for teaching.....	\$5,123 80	
Fuel and incidental expenses..	733 18	
Miscellaneous expenses.....	127 51	
Repairing school houses.....	1,192 36	
Paid town of Halifax	61 47	
Bills of former Committee.....	55 06	
	<hr/>	\$7,293 38
Balance to new account.....		\$164 33

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the School Committee; and find all the items duly entered and properly vouched.

J. W. KENNAN,
R. A. LITTLEFIELD, } *Auditors.*

East Bridgewater, Feb. 20, 1872.

SCHOOL STATISTICS — CONTINUED.

Northville,	Julia B. White,	12	12	12	36	32	33	32	27	28	27	84	88	84	85	1	..	8	00
Joppa Primary,	Mary C. Pratt,	12	10	14	36	38	38	37	33	34	32	88	90	86	88	2	1	8	00
North Primary,	Dora P. Stuart,	12	12	12	36	49	50	44	41	42	36	84	82	82	83	1	..	7	00
West Primary,	Emma R. Nash,	12	12	12	36	45	50	45	40	44	37	88	88	81	85	5	..	7	00
East Primary,	Mary S. Perkins,	12	12	12	36	30	33	28	25	27	21	80	82	75	79	..	..	7	50
	Anna Wheeler,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	00
	Mary E. White,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	00

LIST OF SCHOLARS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Neither absent nor tardy during the year :

Fannie M. Gurney, Lizzie Jones, Lucy H. Harlow,
Nellie J. Standish, Herbert L. Waterman.

Neither absent nor tardy while attending school :

Edward P. Keith, Minot F. Severance, Laura A. Dick-
erman, Lucy M. Lyon.

Not absent except for sickness :

Florence M. Trow, Susan E. Sprague, Susan E. Hall
M. Anna Reed, Edith Paine, Belle Nash, Florence W.
Harris, Sarah D. Lyon, Sarah W. Hewett, Clarence D.
Reed, Edw. E. Wright, Willie Cassin, Vernon H. Whit-
man, Michael Reardon.

Not absent or tardy during Summer term,23

Autumn “14

Winter “12

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

Neither absent nor tardy during the year :

Freddie Woodward, Eddie Waterman, Frank Gard-
ner, Lillie Gardner, Julia Keeley, James Cooper, Lucy
Kingman, Mary Fuller.

Absent only for sickness :

Elmer Wright, Richmond N. Waterman, Mary Roach,
Annie Keith.

Tardy and not absent :

Frank Wentworth, Lucy Keith, Ellen Roach.

BEAVER SCHOOL.

Neither absent nor tardy during the year :

Agnes Littlefield, Ellen Bell, Hannah Welch, Nora
Mahoney, Emma Whitman, Bertha Nash, Fannie Rich-
ards, Lizzie Richards, Emma Richards, Frank Chandler,
Charlie Littlefield, Elmer Whitman, Willie Whitman.

NORTHVILLE.

Neither absent nor tardy during the year :

Henry Aldrich, Tim. Drake, Lizzie Drake, Julia Hall,
Lizzie Humble, Ellen Reed.

Absent $3\frac{1}{2}$ days : Ellis Ramsdell.

WEST CROOK SCHOOL.

Names of scholars neither absent nor tardy :

SUMMER TERM—Henry C. Cole, Walter L. Costello,
Edwin W. Edes, Leonard Wood, Emeline C. Smith.

FALL TERM—Sumner Peterson, Herman S. Porter,
Minnie A. Cook, Addie M. Thayer.

WINTER—Thomas W. Costello.

Tardy, but not absent : Hermon S. Porter, Agnes C. Gurney, Elsie Libby.

Absent only for sickness : Charles E. Cole, Effie M. Edes, Sumner Peterson.

CURTIS SCHOOL.

Absent only on account of sickness :

Caroline H. Vosmos, Ida F. Vosmos.

JOPPA INTERMEDIATE.

Neither absent nor tardy :

SUMMER TERM—Susie W. Brett, Jennie S. Edson, Mary W. Kennan, Ellen B. Perry, John B. Reed, Eva F. Hudson, Lois F. Wilbur.

FALL TERM—Susie W. Brett, Lula Kingman, Belle Kingman, Charity E. Soule, Israel Paine, Howard Paine, Eddie Kingman, Lois Wilbur.

WINTER TERM—Sarah Hudson, Charity E. Soule, Minot V. Reed, Belle Kingman, Lula Kingman, Quincy C. Bird, Howard Paine.

JOPPA PRIMARY.

Neither absent nor tardy :

FALL TERM—James Kingman, Hollis H. Scribner, Sarah M. Scribner, Sabin N. Scribner, Allen B. Shaw, Mary W. Shaw, Abbie C. Shaw.

WINTER TERM—Mary C. Sampson, Henry G. Field, Henry Hudson, James Kingman, Albert A. Tilden, Ellen Winn.

Absent one day : Flora A. Luzarder, Sarah D. Noyes.

EASTVILLE.

Neither absent nor tardy during the year :

Walter Vaughn, Willie S. Washburn, Lura Whitmarsh.

Absent on account of sickness : Hattie Whitmarsh.

NORTH PRIMARY.

Neither absent nor tardy during the year :

Nellie Wentworth, Mary Trow.

During attendance in school : Eddie Ellis.

Absent only on account of sickness :

George Trow, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days ; Warren Wentworth, 3 days ; Mary Cook, 3 days.

EAST PRIMARY.

Scholars neither absent nor tardy :

SUMMER TERM—Mary M. Bailey, Jennie Keith, Ella Norris.

Absent only for sickness : Fannie Bean.

FALL TERM—Not absent : Edith Hale, Garratt Drisbane.
Absent only for sickness : Fannie Bean, Freddie Fuller, Sammie Keith.

WINTER TERM—Absent only for sickness : Edith Hale, Freddie Fuller, Alice Roach.

WEST PRIMARY.

Not absent nor tardy :

SUMMER TERM—Arthur M. Freeman, Lucius J. Freeman, Mosie B. Kaven, Lizzie F. Clark, Carrie E. Dean, Mary S. Smith.

FALL TERM—Arthur M. Freeman, Lucius J. Freeman, Mosie B. Kaven, Charlie D. Waterman, Alice M. Goss, Phida M. Keith.

WINTER TERM—A. M. Freeman, Phida M. Keith, Lizzie F. Clark, Jennie E. Dean, Carrie E. Dean.

SATUCKET. No returns.

THE ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE
Financial Year Ending Feb. 1, 1873.

PLYMOUTH:
AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK & JOB PRINTERS,
CORNER OF COURT AND NORTH STREETS.
1873.

TOWN OFFICERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER 1872.

TOWN CLERK.

JACOB A. ROGERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

HENRY GURNEY.

COLLECTOR,

EZRA S. WHITMARSH.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

JACOB BATES, ELIAB LATHAM, CHARLES H. GOSS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

FRANKLIN KEITH, HENRY GURNEY, GEORGE W. HARDEN, 3 years.
DAALIS SANFORD, MOSES BATES, NATHAN KINGMAN, 2d. 2 years.
JOHN H. HATHAWAY, FRANCIS HAYWARD, AUSTIN DODGE, 1 year.

AUDITORS,

JOHN W. KENNAN. SAMUEL P. ALLEN. ISAAC N. NUTTER.

CONSTABLES,

SIDNEY PACKARD, BENJAMIN SIDDALL, MARCELLUS G. HOWARD.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

District No.	1.	Leonard Hill,	District No.	11.	Sears R. Frost,
"	"	2. Henry Hobart,	"	"	12. Mark P. Hudson,
"	"	3. Jotham Hicks,	"	"	13. John H. Hathaway.
"	"	4. Francis A. Nash,	"	"	14. A. Harris Latham.
"	"	5. Francis Hayward,	"	"	15. Cyrus Monroe,
"	"	6. Levi T. Gurney,	"	"	16. Luther Churchill.
"	"	7. Albert D. Wheeler,	"	"	17. Sidney Allen,
"	"	8. Oliver Pratt,	"	"	18. Charles H. Goss,
"	"	9. Allen Washburn,	"	"	19. Merritt Jenkins.
"	"	10. George W. Harden,			

POUND KEEPER,

ALLEN WASHBURN.

FENCE VIEWERS,

GEORGE W. HARDEN, HENRY GURNEY, FRANKLIN KEITH.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER,

CHARLES H. GOSS, GEORGE H. BYRAM, WADSWORTH PHILLIPS

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,

GEORGE W. ALLEN, MOSES BATES.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS,

CHARLES H. EDSON, MERRITT JENKINS, JOHN WATERMAN.
JOHN E. WATERMAN.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

JAMES F. McCARTER.

SEXTON,

SIDNEY PACKARD.

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of East Bridgewater submit for consideration a Report of the Financial condition of the Town, with the Receipts and Expenditures, from February 1, 1872, to February 1, 1873:

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEB. 1, 1872, TO FEB. 1, 1873.

Lydia P. Osborne,	\$96 00	Sophronia Carter,	48 00
Sarah C. Hudson,	96 00	Harriet S. Packard,	48 00
Susan E. Hall,	96 00	Anna H. Kingman,	12 00
Rachel B. Underwood,	96 00	Mary Dickerman,	4 00
Deborah O. Jones,	48 00	Eldridge Winsor,	72 00
Harriet F. McCarter,	48 00	Charles L. Jones,	72 00
Mary S. Ripley,	48 00	Jeremiah Reardon,	48 00
Betsey A. Hale,	48 00	William Reardon,	48 00
Mary Hudson,	48 00	Thomas H. Cook,	22 00
Lydia A. Sylvester,	48 00		
Eunice S. Bryant,	48 00		\$1,334 00
Harriet Eddy,	48 00	Amount paid in January,	
Sarah B. Gould,	48 00	1872,	108 00
Thankful O. Trow,	48 00		
Rebecca M. Mansfield,	48 00	Amount State Aid due	
Eliza F. Dyer,	48 00	from the State,	\$1,442 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Amount assigned to the several highway districts, and persons in whose favor orders have been drawn for labor, under the direction of the Highway Surveyors, and for materials for highways :

No. 1.

LEONARD HILL, *Surveyor.*

Amount assigned,	\$140 00
Leonard Hill,	26 76
Jeremiah Dunn,	5 00
Michael Feeny,	22 40
Aaron Hobart,	23 50
David Roach,	34 05
B. W. Keith,	1 82
Sidney Packard,	2 35
Martin Sumner,	
	<hr/> \$116 38
Unexpended,	23 62
	<hr/> \$140 00

No. 2.

HENRY HOBART, *Surveyor.*

Amount assigned,	\$ 200 00
Henry Hobart,	34 20
N. Southworth,	69 00
David Tower,	38 40
Merritt Jenkins,	22 40
K. E. Sheldon,	11 20
George L. French,	7 00
C. W. Siddall,	5 00
David Roach,	4 00
T. H. Cummings,	1 70
P. Birmingham,	1 00
John Gallagher,	49
Henry Gurney,	1 50
	<hr/> \$195 89
Unexpended,	4 11
	<hr/> \$200 00

No. 3.

JOTHAM HICKS, *Surveyor.*

Amount assigned,	\$80 00
Jotham Hicks,	47 00
Unexpended,	33 00
	<hr/> \$80 00

No. 4.

F. A. NASH, *Surveyor.*

Amount assigned,	\$140 63
F. A. Nash,	79 60
Galen Willis,	29 23
R. S. Higgins,	8 20
E. Y. Hayward,	5 40
Ebenezer Tisdale,	12 20
E. & O. M. Alger,	6 00
	<hr/> \$140 63
Unexpended,	9 37
	<hr/> \$150 00

No. 5.

FRANCIS HAYWARD, *Surveyor.*

Amount assigned,	\$68 13
F. Hayward,	32 17
Wm. E. Whitman,	16 00
Galen Allen,	13 96
James M. Perigo,	6 00
	<hr/> \$68 13

No. 6.

LEVI T. GURNEY, *Surveyor.*

Amount assigned,	\$150 00
L. T. Gurney,	22 00
Henry Gurney,	58 00
Clarissa Stetson,	26 25
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Amount carried forward,	\$106 25

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$106 25
John B. Thayer,	6 00
John Sampson,	6 00
Franklin Peterson,	4 80
E. F. Thayer,	2 00
Jacob Bates,	3 00
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	\$128 05
Unexpended,	21 95
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	\$150 00

No. 7.

A. D. WHEELER, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$75 00
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A. D. Wheeler,	12 00
Henry Gurney,	4 00
A. T. Whitman,	10 00
J. E. Noyes,	7 32
B. H. Fisher,	2 00
John Gaffney,	6 00
Alfred Gurney,	2 00
G. A. Wheeler,	4 00
Wm. F. Keen,	7 10
Olpha Keen,	4 00
Marcus Reed,	33
C. Steingardt,	30
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	\$59 05
Unexpended,	15 95
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	\$75 00

No. 8.

OLIVER PRATT, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$110 00
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Oliver Pratt,	38 20
David Pratt,	11 75
Lemuel Pratt,	3 00
Addison Pratt,	8 00
G. H. Pratt,	3 00
E. Whitmarsh,	5 00
W. W. Hersey,	10 00
J. D. Thurlow,	8 30
Timothy Drake,	3 20
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$90 45

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$90 45
Ira Drake,	80
J. B. Brown,	9 60
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	\$100 85
Unexpended,	9 15
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	\$110 00

No. 9.

ALLEN WASHBURN, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$139 62
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A. Washburn,	60 25
S. G. Whitmarsh,	12 50
E. G. Lyon,	14 25
Ezra Whitmarsh,	7 87
Diana Allen,	5 25
C. A. Porter,	4 00
J. B. Porter,	2 10
Israel Hobart,	1 25
A. H. Vaughn,	4 37
Henry Gurney,	2 50
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	\$114 34
Unexpended,	25 28
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	\$139 62

No. 10.

G. W. HARDEN, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$105 00
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G. W. Harden,	48 00
Cyrus Thrasher,	7 00
Alonzo Sharp,	15 00
C. H. Thrasher,	5 00
Luther Harden,	5 00
J. McKinney,	10 00
Isaac Lincoln,	2 00
Alonzo Hathaway,	8 00
H. A. Osborn,	5 00
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	\$105 00

No. 11

SEARS R. FROST, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$100 00
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Sears R. Frost,	62 26
E. G. Lyon,	27 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$89 26

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$89 26
J. H. Chadwick,	9 00
Patrick Keefe,	87
Alfred Edson,	87

\$100 00

No. 12.

M. P. HUDSON, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$135 00
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M. P. Hudson,	60 55
Ebenezer Osborn,	15 75
H. G. Hill,	10 15
George Bryant,	8 00
L. W. Noyes,	7 80
J. Norton,	2 75
S. J. Hoyt,	3 40
Spencer Leonard,	5 00
L. J. Nason,	5 00
Seth Bryant,	2 88
Eliab Latham,	9 00

\$130 28

Unexpended,	4 72
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\$135 00

No. 13.

J. W. HATHAWAY, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$120 00
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C. A. Latham,	4 50
Eliab Latham,	11 95
Galen Latham,	4 17
Benjamin Ward,	8 00
Calvin Wade,	1 00
J. H. Hathaway,	38 46
William C. Hathaway,	3 50
William Desmond,	9 90
W. W. Keen,	10 23
G. W. Wilder,	17 99
Elijah Bird,	10 30

\$120 00

No. 14.

A. H. LATHAM, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$100 00
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Galen Latham,	27 90
Eilab Latham,	31 70
C. A. Latham,	15 80
Timothy Mitchell,	4 00
Ephraim Hardy,	60 10
Selden Washburn,	10 00

\$100 00

No. 15.

CYRUS MUNROE, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$50 25
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C. Munroe,	32 75
Ethan Randall,	10 50
W. S. Sampson,	7 00

\$50 25

No. 16.

L. CHURCHILL, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$40 00
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Luther Churchill,	40 00
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No. 17.

SIDNEY ALLEN, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	64 50
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Sidney Allen,	27 02
Stephen Harlow,	10 00
Joseph Morse,	9 00
S. Millett,	3 00
R. S. Higgins,	4 50
Jotham Nute,	4 00
J. S. Allen,	2 01
Kingman & Chandler,	47
J. M. Perrigo,	3 75
Luther Richards,	75

\$64 50

No. 18.

C. H. GOSS, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$82 50
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C. H. Goss,	38 00
M. Noonan,	14 00
John Noonan,	5 00
Patrick Noonan,	7 00
Colman Foley,	14 00
S. W. Richmond,	2 00
Henry Gurney,	2 50

\$82 50

No. 19.

M. JENKINS, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned,</i>	\$90 00
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M. Jenkins,	75 00
Unexpended,	15 00

\$90 00

Appropriation.....	\$2,000 00
Orders drawn on Treasurer.....	\$1,837 85
Unexpended.....	162 15
	<hr/> \$2,000 00

Orders have been drawn in favor of the following persons, for labor on roads and bridges, under the direction of the Selectmen, and for materials for the same:

Warden Almshouse,	\$223 50	H. G. Hill,	4 00
Stephen Harlow,	163 50	Benjamin Ward,	7 00
Eliab Latham,	75 38	G. Lombard,	6 00
Francis Hayward,	85 90	F. Lombard,	2 00
C. H. Goss,	74 50	J. H. Chadwick,	5 25
Michael Noonan,	62 00	L. W. Noyes,	4 73
Galen K. Richards,	61 00	Timothy Mitchell,	3 00
Patrick Noonan,	39 37	J. B. Brown,	2 25
S. G. Whitmarsh,	16 62	C. W. Siddall,	1 00
Sears R. Frost,	19 25	E. Whitmarsh,	50
Edmund Casey,	28 00	O. S. Soule, lumber,	42 68
Jacob Bates,	13 40	E. Bridgewater Iron Co.,	
Luke Worcester,	29 70	cinders,	25 00
M. P. Hudson,	8 00		<hr/> \$1,016 67
Caleb Goss,	7 50	Unexpended,	33 33
Simeon Richmond,	4 00		<hr/>
Colman Foley,	2 00	Appropriation,	\$1,050 00

REMOVING SNOW.

Orders have been drawn in favor of the following persons, for removings now under the direction of the several Highway Surveyors:

C. A. Latham,	90	J. B. Porter,	1 00
Eliab Latham,	3 00	F. W. Porter,	1 00
E. P. Copeland,	1 00	S. C. Smith,	1 00
R. F. Copeland,	2 12	Theodore Hobart,	1 00
N. Perkins,	75	Peter Blomstrand,	2 00
E. Hardy,	2 95	C. H. Goss,	10 00
William Shaw,	37	M. P. Hudson,	7 00
T. H. Bouldry,	18		<hr/> \$35 38
R. V. Bouldry,	18	Unexpended,	164 62
B. Dowley,	18		<hr/>
J. H. Hathaway,	75	Appropriation,	\$200 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid W. W. Avery for printing Town Report of 1872	\$197 25
W. W. Avery, printing Town Warrants.....	1 50
W. W. Avery, printing list of Jurors.....	50
Rockwell & Churchill, Town order blanks.....	4 50
T. Groom & Co., for blank books for Collector and Assessors	3 50
C. Wentworth, for painting Guide-boards.....	11 61
Town of Hanson, for tax, 1872.....	51
C. W. Siddall, repairs on hearse.....	42 00
I. N. Nutter, glass for hearse.....	1 00
Jacob Bates, surveying for the Town.....	5 00
I. N. Nutter, Treas., for cash for recording deed to the Town of land of Wm. V. Brett, and affidavit of sale.	1 40
H. Gurney, Treasurer, for cash paid on tax of N. S. Bouldry, for 1872.....	8 07
H. Gurney, Treasurer, for cash paid on Insur- ance policy on Town Hall.....	23 50
H. Gurney, Treasurer, for cash paid on Insur- ance policy on school-house.....	31 00
H. Gurney, for postage and stationery.....	1 17
Baalis Sanford, postage and stationery.....	1 87
J. A. Rogers, for postage, stationery and ex- press.....	3 00
Jacob Bates, for postage and express.....	7 45
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<hr/> 344 83

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$344 83
Paid Jacob Bates, for railroad fares	15 62
Jacob Bates, for blank books and stationery ..	6 92
Moses Bates, services as Moderator of annual Town Meeting	5 00
Moses Bates, making plans and specifications.	10 00
Moses Bates, postage and stationery	4 02
Moses Bates, expenses of procuring teacher...	1 50
Moses Bates, express	1 37
C. H. Brown, for overpayment of tax for 1871.	1 00
G. T. Mitchell, abatement of tax	11 63
Frederic Lombard, do	1 90
P. Morey est. of, do	3 83
G. Hayward, trustee, do	15 52
Wilmot V. Everson, do	3 63
Kenelm W. Shaw, do	1 90
Wm. Bird est. of, do	9 40
A. C. Baker, do	4 68
Calvin Buck, do	2 00
Frank Bean, do	2 00
Robert H. Bryant, do	2 00
Patrick Whalan, do	2 00
Jacob Kingham, do	2 00
William Leahey, do	2 00
Amos W. Mellen, do	2 00
Granville C. Munroe, do	2 00
Henry Powers, do	2 00
Walter H. Peck, do	2 00
Samuel A. Winsor, do	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$464 75

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$464 75
Paid Moses Cummings, do.....	2 00
Patrick Kennedy, do.....	2 00
Patrick McNamara, do.....	2 00
Hodijah L. Tisdale, do.....	2 00
Oliver J. Dunn, do.....	2 00
Peter Foley, do... ..	\$2 00
Walter Richards, do.....	2 00
R. A. Littlefield, Jr., do.....	2 00
William Wright, do.....	2 00
Daniel Morey, do.....	2 30
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	\$485 03
Discount on Taxes, less interest collected.....	772 49
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	\$1,257 52
Unexpended.....	42 48
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Appropriation... ..	\$1,300 00

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid Jacob Bates, for services as Selectman, Assess- or and Overseer of the Poor.....	\$285 00
Eliab Latham, for services as Selectman, As- sessor and Overseer of the Poor.....	64 00
Charles H. Goss, for services as Selectman, As- sessor and Overseer of the Poor.....	35 00
Baalis Sanford, for services as School Commit- tee.....	73 75
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$457 75

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$457 75
Paid Moses Bates, for services as School Committee	\$85 00
Nathan Kingman 2d, services as School Com..	25 00
Henry Gurney, for services as School Com....	1 50
Austin Dodge, for services as School Committee, 1871.....	55 00
Austin Dodge, for services as School Committee, 1872.....	57 00
Jacob A. Rogers, for services as Town Clerk..	58 24
E. S. Whitmarsh, for services as Collector.....	146 13
E. S. Whitmarsh, for services as Committee on Roads, 1871.....	3 00
I. N. Nutter, for services as Committee on Roads.....	3 70
Moses Bates, for services as Committee on Roads	6 00
Jacob Bates, for services as Committee on Roads.....	8 00
R. A. Littlefield, for services as Auditor, 1871..	5 00
John W. Kennan, for services as Auditor, 1871	5 00
J. F. McCarter, services as Sealer of Weights and Measures.....	2 75
Benjamin Siddall, for services as Constable....	25 00
Henry A. Grow, for services as Constable.....	3 00
Sidney Packard, for services as Constable.....	21 50
Sidney Packard for services as Sexton.....	82 70
Henry Gurney, for services as Treasurer.....	100 00
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	\$1,051 27
Appropriation.....	1,000 00
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Over appropriation	\$51 27

STOCKING ROBBINS' POND WITH HERRINGS.

Paid Eliab Latham.....	\$7 00
A. P. Sampson.....	10 00
Martin Bosworth.....	13 00
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	\$30 00
Unexpended.....	70 00
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Appropriation.....	\$100 00

Payment to the Town of West Bridgewater for its proportion of the Beaver school-house and other school property.....	\$228 57
No appropriation.	

GUIDE BOARDS.

Guide Boards have been maintained during the Year at the same locations as at the last Annual Report, and are in good condition.

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid for State Aid to families	\$1,334 00
Repairs of Highways under the direction of the Highway Surveyors	1,837 85
for building and repairing roads, bridges and culverts, under the direction of the Select- men, and materials for the same	1,016 67
for removing snow	35 38
for incidental expenses and abatement of taxes	485 03
for Town Officers and Committees	1,051 27
for stocking Robbins' Pond with herrings	30 00
for support of paupers in Almshouse	564 33
for support of paupers not in Almshouse	1,258 76
Town of West Bridgewater for school property	228 57
for school purposes	7,922 78
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	\$15,764 64

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1873.

For building and repairing roads, bridges and cul- verts	\$2,800 00
removing snow	100 00
support of Poor	1,850 00
incidental expenses and abatement of taxes	450 00
payment of Town Officers and Committees	1,000 00
Schools	5,500 00
School Incidentals	600 00
Other School purposes	600 00

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Town Bonds due April 1, 1873.....	\$600 00
Oct. 1, 1873.....	2,000 00
Oct. 1, 1874.....	500 00
1875.....	1,800 00
1876.....	1,900 00
1877.....	1,600 00
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	\$8,400 00
Unsettled accounts estimated.....	100 00.
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	\$8,500 00

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury.....	\$3,472 09
Cash and uncollected bills in hands of Warden of Almshouse.....	455 40
Due from State for State Aid.....	1,442 00
Due from State for State Aid on unsettled accounts of previous years, estimated.....	700 00
Due from the State on Corporation Tax.....	40 00
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	\$6,109 49
Total indebtedness of the Town.....	\$2,400 51
Decrease of debt during the year ..	2,506 42
Town debt Feb. 1, 1872.....	4,906 93

This is to certify that we have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find the items thereof properly entered and vouched for.

J. W. KENNAN, }
SAMUEL P. ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

TOWN MEETING.

Copy of Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Meeting to be held March 17, 1873, at one o'clock, P. M. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the Reports of the Town Officers and Committees which are to report to this meeting, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges, and such sums as may be thought proper to pay town debts and interest the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes, for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To act on a list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will appropriate any, and, if so, what sum of money, to defray the expenses attending the next annual decoration of the soldiers' graves in East Bridgewater. (*By request*).

ARTICLE 11. To see what action the Town will take concerning a design or designs of a Soldiers' Monument to be erected in said Town. (*By request*).

ARTICLE 12. To see what action the Town will take concerning the location of a Soldiers' Monument in said Town. (*By request*).

ARTICLE 13. To see what action the Town will take concerning the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of said Town. (*By request*).

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to lease, for a term of years, suitable rooms in a building to be erected for the use of the Town Officers and the transaction of the business of the Town. (*By request*).

LIST OF JURORS.

The following is a List of Jurors for the consideration of the Town, to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting, March 17, 1873 :

George W. Allen,
 Henry Allen,
 Moses Bates,
 Daniel T. Blanchard,
 David W. Brown,
 Jarvis Burrill,
 Frederic S. Churchill,
 Luther Churchill, Jr.,
 Roland F. Copeland,
 Hiram H. Erskine,
 Edward F. Field,
 Caleb Goss,
 Edward P. Gurney,
 Henry Gurney,
 Reuben Harden,
 Edward Y. Hayward,
 Francis Hayward,
 William W. Hersey,
 John Hobart,
 Ellis W. Holmes,
 Cyrus Howard,
 Samuel Keith,
 Simeon C. Keith,
 Thomas Keith,
 Zebina Keith,

Francis M. Kingman,
 A. Harris Latham,
 Eliab Latham,
 Frederic C. Mann,
 Isaac N. Nutter,
 Nathan M. Pool,
 John B. Porter,
 David Pratt,
 David H. Pratt,
 Oliver Pratt,
 Joseph Reed,
 Samuel L. Sever,
 Minot C. Shaw,
 Christopher B. Smith,
 Clark Swallow,
 John B. Thayer,
 Joseph Vinton,
 John Waterman,
 Benjamin M. White,
 Asa T. Whitman,
 Eleazer Whitman,
 Ebenezer Whitmarsh,
 James R. Whitmarsh,
 George A. Wright,
 Rufus A. Littlefield.

JACOB BATES, } *Selectmen*
 ELIAB LATHAM, } *of*
 CHAS. H. GOSS, } *E. Bridgewater.*

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For support of schools	\$5,000 00
school incidentals.....	600 00
repairs on school-houses.....	1,000 00
water for school-houses, fencing and grading yards, &c.....	300 00
enlarging school-house yard, Northville.....	100 00
furnace, stoves, &c.....	200 00
building and repairing roads and bridges.....	3,050 00
removing snow.....	200 00
support of Poor.....	2,000 00
incidental expenses, discount and abatement of taxes.....	1,300 00
payment of Town Officers and Committee.....	1,000 00
a Soldiers' Monument	2,000 00
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	\$16,750 00
State tax.....	2,140 00
County tax.....	1,791 96
Overlaying on tax.....	194 24
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	\$20,876 20

VALUATION FOR 1872.

Real estate assessed.....	\$949,407 00
Personal estate.....	305,748 00
Total.....	\$1,255,155 00
Number of rateable polls, 836.	
Tax on 836 polls at \$2.00 each.....	\$1,672 00
Tax on \$1,255,155, at \$15.30 per \$1,000.....	19,203 87
Gain by fractions.....	33
Committed for collection.....	\$20,876 20

Inhabitants.	Valuation.	Valuation.
1830..1653	1840.. \$343,493.00	1865.. \$1,030,276.00
1840..1944	1850.. 814,600.00	1866.. 1,062,866.00
1850..2545	1855..1,206,940.00	1867.. 1,089,151.00
1855..2932	1860..1,327,734.00	1868.. 1,127,204.00
1860..3207	1861..1,252,195.00	1869.. 1,143,042.00
1865..2976	1862..1,273,031.00	1870.. 1,258,124.00
1870..3017	1863..1,077,586.00	1871.. 1,211,050.00
	1864..1,053,882.00	1872.. 1,255,155.00

Number of acres of land taxed.....	11.051
Dwelling-houses.....	587
Horses.....	332
Cows.....	440
Sheep.....	50
Oxen.....	38
Swine.....	151
resident tax payers.....	949
paying only poll tax.....	306
taxed between \$2 and \$10.....	160
10 and 25.....	253
25 and 50.....	146
50 and 100.....	60
100 and 300.....	22
300 and 1,000.....	2
of children between 5 and 15 years of age.....	543
Enrolled militia in 1872.....	412

LIST OF TAX PAYERS FOR 1872.

Abner L. Alden,	\$15 24	Daniel T. Blanchard, Jr.,	\$2 00
Arthur P. Alden,	2 00	Daniel Briggs,	2 00
Benjamin R. Alden,	17 76	Asaph Beal,	2 00
Frederic Alden,	2 00	Augustus W. Blanchard,	5 07
Harriet S. Alden,	37 33	Blaney P. Beal,	14 32
Lucius F. Alden,	2 00	Branch L. Byram,	13 68
Morton Alden,	2 00	Calvin Buck,	2 00
S. G. Alden, heirs of,	24 48	Charles Brown,	7 65
Rufus Adams,	2 00	Charles H. Brown,	28 77
Charles E. Allen,	2 00	Charles W. Bennett,	22 66
David Allen,	2 00	Charles Bates,	39 21
Diana Allen,	56 30	David Brown, estate of,	67 01
Galen Allen,	31 30	David W. Brown,	22 66
George Allen,	2 00	D. W. C. Barker,	4 14
George W. Allen,	24 34	Edwin Brown,	25 79
Granville C. Allen,	2 00	Edwin W. Brown,	2 00
Henry Allen,	24 95	Edwin W. Bancroft,	8 50
James S. Allen,	150 33	Edmund Bird,	2 00
John A. Allen,	21 51	Edward W. Barrows,	34 74
Samuel B. Allen,	80 11	Eli Blanchard, estate of,	14 54
Samuel B. Allen, 2d,	2 00	Eleazer C. Bennett,	13 86
Samuel P. Allen,	2 00	Elijah Bird,	18 37
Sidney Allen,	59 94	Emery Brown, estate of,	8 26
Sidney Allen, trustee,	41 31	Eunice S. Bryant,	1 91
William Allen,	168 30	Ephraim M. Barden,	10 42
William Allen,	28 47	Ezekiel R. Bartlett,	2 00
Ebenezer Alger,	49 66	Frank Bean,	2 00
Orlando M. Alger,	17 07	Francis C. Bryant,	2 00
		Frederic G. Bisbee,	2 00
Alvin C. Baker,	6 21	G. W. Barrell, estate of,	17 60
Arlon M. Ballou,	2 00	George G. Beal,	2 08
Albert Bates,	2 00	George Benson,	48 20
Andrew G. Blackman,	14 24	George H. Benson,	2 00
Algernon S. Brett,	14 24	George E. Bird,	2 00
Albion H. Benson,	15 39	George W. Blanchard,	47 21
Alfred Bottomore,	15 01	George H. Byram,	22 66
Anne M. Bates,	10 00	George Bryant,	58 54
Charles E. Bickford,	2 00	Gladden Bonney,	48 90
Cushing Bird,	2 00	Henry W. Boyd,	2 00
Daniel T. Barrell,	2 00	Henry Boyd,	3 91
Daniel T. Blanchard,	14 24	Harnden G. Byram,	8 82

H. G. Bates, est. of	\$44 67	William W. Blanchard, est. of	\$1 53
Irving Bates,	2 53	William N. Brett,	3 91
Isaac J. Bourne,	13 10	William Bartlett,	2 00
Isaac N. Bourne,	3 91	William Brainerd,	2 00
Jacob Bates,	74 89	Peter Blomstrand,	31 07
James Brown,	2 00		
Jarvis Burrell,	38 73	Abisha L. Churchill,	22 27
John Burrell,	2 00	A. S. Churchill & Son,	11 48
John B. Brown,	4 07	Andrew Clark,	14 62
John E. Brown,	4 68	Andrew Crowley,	2 00
John M. Brainerd,	2 00	Benjamin S. Cathcart,	2 00
Joseph E. Bisbee,	5 44	Charles F. Clark,	2 00
James W. Beaton,	2 00	Cornelius Claharty,	2 00
Levi P. Bailey,	15 77	Daniel Chaplin,	23 19
Levi J. Bradley,	2 00	Augusta C. Chaplin,	7 42
Lorenzo L. Byram,	9 65	Dorcas P. Churchill,	3 12
Lucius Bonney,	27 93	E. Carver Company,	328 95
Mehitable Buron,	1 07	Edmund Casey,	8 27
Mary Brown,	32 90	Edgar L. Clark,	2 00
Moses Bates, est. of	16 52	Elijah L. Clark,	23 88
Moses Bates,	28 70	Elbridge Curtis,	19 21
Martin Beal,	10 64	Edward B. Curtis,	2 00
Nathaniel Beal,	14 93	Elmer P. Copeland,	2 00
N. S. Bouldry,	6 89	Francis B. Chamberlain,	2 00
Otis Bisbee,	32 60	Frederic S. Churchill,	20 37
Oliver C. Barrows,	2 00	George T. Chamberlain,	2 00
Patrick Birmingham,	9 42	George H. Carleton,	14 62
Reuben Bates,	17 99	Harriet Cobb,	25 25
Royal T. Brett,	19 60	Hervey Chandler,	15 01
Robert H. Bryant,	2 00	James Carl,	2 00
Rowena W. Bennett,	24 25	James W. Cooper,	16 54
Samuel Bates,	2 00	John Conant,	2 00
Samuel Beal,	2 61	John Cook,	29 77
Sarah Bush,	7 65	John Canney,	20 36
Susan W. Bennett,	19 89	John Costello,	21 59
Susan Byram,	2 68	John H. Chadwick,	5 67
Seth Bryant,	146 89	Joseph Chamberlain,	50 04
Seth H. Bryant,	2 00	Joseph H. Cook,	2 77
Silas Burgess,	2 00	Levi Churchill,	71 92
Thomas Barton,	9 80	Luther Churchill,	29 31
Thomas Branning,	5 44	Luther Churchill, Jr.,	2 00
Warren Brown,	2 61	Morris Carl,	2 00
Warren B. Bryant,	2 00	Minot S. Curtis,	3 99
William S. Bailey,	137 48	Moses Cummings,	2 00
William Bird,	13 09	Newton Churchill,	2 00

John Coulter,	\$2 00	Joseph P. Dunn,	\$2 00
Nathaniel Clark,	2 00	Lewis Delano,	35 35
Nymphas M. Chandler,	2 00	Lemuel Dunbar,	13 86
Ornan M. Cole,	14 01	Lucius F. Dickerman,	2 00
Patrick Carroll,	12 71	Michael Doody,	19 90
Patrick Carroll, 2d,	2 00	Oliver J. Dunn,	2 00
Patrick Crowley,	14 24	Patrick Dreslain,	13 48
Patrick Curley,	2 60	Samuel C. Davenport,	2 00
Robert Curtis,	189 00	Timothy Drake,	22 11
Roland F. Copeland,	24 25	William Desmond,	32 45
Samuel V. Chandler,	2 00		
Sarah Conant,	134 64	Albert C. Edson,	15 39
Seth P. Conant,	11 18	Alanson Estes,	10 42
Sylvanus Covill,	3 00	Benjamin F. Edson,	10 03
Thomas H. Cummings,	5 06	Barzilla F. Ellis,	3 83
Thomas W. Cummings,	2 00	Charles H. Edson,	2 00
Thomas Conant,	21 13	Henry Edson,	38 72
William Camfill,	17 99	Daniel P. Edson,	19 66
Warren K. Churchill,	3 53	Edward E. Edson,	4 30
William Crotty,	2 00	Eugene Edson,	2 00
William H. Chandler,	2 00	Eugene B. Estes,	2 00
Wellington Caldwell,	50 96	Edwin Edes,	23 66
Zimri Cathcart,	2 00	Frank L. Erskine,	2 00
		Franklin Edson,	64 35
Austin Dodge,	2 00	Edson & Seaverns,	38 20
Albert H. Dyer,	18 07	George H. Elwell,	2 00
Bartholomew M. Donnelly,	2 61	Harriet Eddy,	3 75
Charles M. Delano,	2 00	Hiram H. Erskine,	22 66
Charles M. Dickerman,	2 00	Jonah Edson,	29 01
Daniel Desmond,	11 95	John Enghdahl,	2 00
David Duane,	2 00	Lydia Ellis,	25 25
Dean & Perry,	78 04	Nahum Edson,	9 65
Eliphalet S. Davenport,	8 89	Seth B. Edson,	2 00
George R. Dyer,	2 00	Sherman Estes,	2 00
Horace P. Dunbar,	6 59	William Edson,	17 30
Ira Drake,	14 24	William Emerson,	2 00
Ira W. Drake,	2 00	William H. Eustis,	24 19
James Donahoe,	2 00	Wilmot V. Everson,	14 85
John Day,	2 00	Arunah T. Ford, estate of,	23 72
John E. Davenport,	11 56	Adoniram J. Fish,	2 00
John Dean,	21 35	Benjamin A. Fisher,	18 68
John Desmond,	13 48	Daniel French,	71 23
John Davis,	2 00	Edward F. Field,	26 86
Joshua Dean,	16 23	Edmund Ford,	11 64
Jeremiah Dunn,	21 12	Caleb T. Kern,	2 00

Ezra T. Fuller,	\$33 59	Leonard F. Gammons,	\$17 30
Eli B. French,	20 36	Levi T. Gurney,	14 24
Enoch Freeman,	17 30	Morris C. Gould,	2 00
Frank E. Freeman,	2 00	Michael Gorman,	2 00
Francis W. French,	2 00	Nahum Gurney,	2 00
Francis R. Flagg,	11 64	Otis Grover,	24 18
George L. French,	2 00	Sarah B. Gould,	2 68
George E. Fish,	2 00	Stephen Griggs,	2 00
Isadus Fuller,	15 77	Thomas Griggs,	2 00
James D. Freeman,	2 00	Thomas Gardner,	2 00
James H. Fullerton,	15 62	William J. Gilbert,	5 06
Jacob Folsom,	188 81	William Green,	17 61
Jeremiah Fisher,	20 74		
Martin Foster,	2 00	Arthur Harris,	2 00
Michael Feeny,	13 10	Azor Harris,	12 62
Michael Feeny, Jr.,	3 91	Amos Hunting,	45 76
Nathaniel W. French,	31 30	Adam R. Humble,	2 00
Patrick Foley,	2 30	Augustus M. Howe,	6 44
Peter Foley,	2 00	Albert Harden,	21 89
Sears R. Frost,	19 30	Abbott T. Hewitt,	2 00
Theodore C. Freeman,	15 39	Aaron Hobart,	278 61
William F. Farrington,	30 30	A. Hobart, Trustee,	1 53
William G. Field,	32 29	Arvin Holbrook,	27 63
William H. French,	2 00	Abigail Hersey,	26 01
Wyman C. Fickett,	2 00	Benjamin S. Hayward,	2 00
		Caleb E. Hicks,	23 42
Alfred Griffin,	109 40	Calvin H. Harlow,	26 63
Alfred Gurney,	30 38	Calvin Hatch,	23 57
Almon Gurney,	25 41	Charles W. Harden,	2 77
Caleb Goss,	44 14	Charles W. Harris,	33 83
Charles H. Goss,	153 62	Corydon B. Howard,	9 65
Charles Griggs,	27 33	Cyrus Howard,	16 92
Charles C. Gilmore,	2 00	Cornelius C. Hooper,	35 20
Calvin C. Greenlaw,	2 00	David G. Hubbard,	16 92
David H. Gurney,	2 69	David Howard,	8 05
David S. Gurney,	14 62	Damon Hoyt,	10 80
David W. Gurney,	2 00	Dan Hoyt,	2 00
Edward P. Gurney,	5 06	Edward Y. Hayward,	51 35
Josephus L. George,	26 52	Edwin Hayward,	2 00
Henry Gurney,	45 46	Edwin Hayward, Jr.,	2 00
Henry A. Grow,	2 00	Ephraim Hardy,	18 60
Henry K. Gould,	2 00	Elijah Hinckley,	2 00
John Gaffney,	24 19	Ellis Holmes, est. of	92 19
John E. Gallagher,	8 58	Ellis W. Holmes,	26 87
John H. Gardner,	2 00	Francis Hayward,	33 13

George Hayward, Trustee,	\$16 33	Oliver Holmes,	\$21 27
George F. Hayward,	2 00	Peter Hagan,	29 23
George B. Howland,	5 83	Reuben Harden,	16 92
George W. Harden,	75 13	Reuben Healy,	11 86
Harlow Harden,	14 24	Richard S. Higgins,	7 35
Henry V. Harwood,	24 19	Samuel Hall,	34 05
Henry W. Hatch,	2 00	Seabury C. Hathaway,	29 01
Hercules Hatch, est. of	9 18	Seth Harden,	8 11
Hosea Hathaway,	26 48	Samuel J. Hoyt,	17 45
Henry G. Hill,	85 91	Stephen Hall,	2 00
Henry Hobart,	209 32	Stephen Harlow,	41 25
Henry Humphrey,	20 36	Silas Holbrook,	2 00
Henry G. Humphrey,	2 00	Timothy S. Harlow,	15 77
Ira Humphrey,	2 00	Theodore Hobart,	23 11
Isaac Hatch,	24 80	Thomas Hewitt,	67 79
Isaac T. Hatch,	2 77	Thomas A. Herrick,	31 30
Israel Hobart,	27 40	Thomas J. Harrington,	2 00
Jason W. Harden,	2 00	Waldo Hayward,	23 88
Jehiel B. Harden,	2 00	Willis Harden,	17 45
John A. Harden,	2 00	William B. Hall,	2 00
John B. Harden,	11 95	William R. Hathaway,	51 73
John W. Harden,	2 00	William C. Hathaway,	2 00
John Hobart,	67 94	William A. Hayward,	5 82
John O. Holland,	9 27	William W. Hersey,	15 31
John H. Hathaway,	31 15	William F. Hudson,	2 00
James B. Hudson,	2 00	William Hodgson,	2 00
Josiah Hathaway,	20 59	Walter S. Hooper,	7 74
Joseph W. Harden,	2 00		
James Hickey,	14 47	Abner C. Jackson,	27 41
Josiah E. Hayward,	8 12	Andrew Jackson,	11 18
Joshua Hollis,	5 83	Charles E. Jordan,	3 53
Jotham Hicks,	48 82	Charles P. Jordan,	28 31
Leonard H. Hayward,	8 04	Charles L. Jones,	3 76
Lucius Harden,	8 28	John F. Jordan,	2 00
Luther Harden,	20 60	John S. Jenness,	8 88
Leonard Hill,	32 66	John Jones,	30 60
Marcellus G. Howard,	31 84	Martin E. Jenness,	9 73
Marshall N. Humble,	4 30	Meritt Jenkins,	78 50
Mark P. Hudson,	31 83	William A. Josselyn,	2 00
Mary Hudson,	2 68	William M. Judkins,	4 20
Michael Hennessee,	2 61	Willard Johnson,	61 67
Melvin Harden, est. of	20 50		
Nahum F. Harden,	2 00	Bathsheba Keith,	44 83
Noah Harden,	9 87	Bathsheba Keith,	7 65
Noah T. Harden,	2 00	Benjamin W. Keith,	24 18

Ezra Kingman, estate of,	\$19 89	Samuel Keen,	\$80 44
Ezra Kingman,	66 26	Samuel Keith,	27 24
E. & E. Kingman,	91 80	Simeon C. Keith,	12 25
Edward Kingman,	19 97	Scott Keith,	47 75
Edward S. Keith,	2 00	Simeon W. Keen,	24 18
Elizabeth W. Keith,	14 74	Samuel D. Keen,	2 00
Francis M. Kingman,	23 42	Siduey S. Kingman,	2 00
Franklin Keith,	23 04	Thomas Keith,	2 00
Freedom Keith,	41 78	William F. Keith,	10 57
George Keith,	39 10	William Keen,	46 44
George F. Keith,	2 00	William F. Keen,	33 44
George M. Keith,	5 52	William H. Keen,	2 00
Henry M. Keith,	2 00	William W. Keen,	18 83
Herbert C. Keith,	2 00	Zebina Keith,	122 40
Isaac Keith,	37 64	Kebina Keith, Jr.,	31 07
Isaac Keith, 2d,	16 46	Z. Keith & Co.,	82 24
Isaac N. Keith,	40 25	Zenas Keith,	44 84
Jacob Kingman,	2 00		
James Haven,	2 00	A. Harris Latham,	2 00
James A. Kingsbury,	2 00	Albert F. Luzarder,	2 00
James G. Knapp,	32 60	Alonzo W. Leach,	12 33
John W. Kennan,	66 64	Calvin Leavitt, Jr.,	3 53
Judah B. Keen,	9 65	Charles A. Latham,	113 61
Keen & Richards,	10 71	Charles Lincoln,	21 97
L. & H. Keith,	75 60	Charles W. Lincoln,	2 00
Lewis Keith,	54 71	Charles J. Lakin,	2 00
Lysander Keith,	26 71	David L. Lombard,	2 00
Marcus M. Keith,	9 27	Edgar H. Luzarder,	22 95
Nahum P. Keith,	9 65	Eliab Latham,	101 21
Nathan Kingman,	2 00	E. Austin Latham,	2 00
Nathan Kingman, 2d,	23 95	Elbridge G. Lyon,	36 19
Nathan O. Kingman,	2 00	Francis D. Litchfield,	18 06
Newton M. Keen,	52 49	Frederic Lombard,	2 00
Olpha Keen,	20 39	Galen Latham,	99 01
Otis Kingman, estate of,	13 77	George E. Luzarder,	25 71
Otis Kingman,	2 00	George E. Luzarder, Jr.,	2 00
Patrick Kealy,	15 00	George W. Lyon,	2 00
Patrick Kennedy,	2 00	Herman Leonard,	6 21
Patrick Keiffe,	15 39	Harvey Lucas,	2 00
Philip Kent,	2 15	Isaac Lincoln,	2 00
Parlee Keith, estate of,	14 77	Isaac H. Lincoln,	8 88
Robert C. Keith,	34 28	Isaac K. Lyon,	22 27
R. C. Keith & Brother,	29 15	I. Aloin Lyon,	2 00
S. Keen, estate of,	29 45	Levi Lucas,	35 66

Melzar J. Litchfield,	\$11 18	John W. Mitchell,	\$4 68
John Lane,	174 58	Joseph Morse,	46 83
John Lube,	2 00	Joseph H. Mills,	32 45
Patrick Luddy,	2 00	Jane A. Munroe,	32 13
Reuel A. Lincoln,	2 00	M. P. McLauthlin,	2 69
Rufus A. Littlefield,	30 15	Patrick Morey, est. of	11 48
Rufus A. Littlefield, Jr.,	2 00	Patrick M'Namara,	2 00
Samuel B. Lang,	2 00	Philip McBeth,	2 00
Samuel Luzarder,	36 50	Owen McGuire,	13 93
Samuel A. Luzarder,	6 59	Robert Mitchell,	2 00
Sarah Lilly,	52 69	Luther J. Nason,	2 00
Stephen Lang,	2 00	Solomon Millett,	16 08
William Lines,	8 88	Susannah T. Mitchell,	93 21
William B. Lincoln,	2 00	Thomas Mahoney,	2 15
William Leahey,	2 00	Timothy Mitchell,	58 84
		Timothy Murphy,	2 00
Amos W. Mellen,	2 00	William J. Meigs,	2 00
Bridget M'Elroy,	8 03	William L. Morey,	2 00
Cyrus Monroe,	49 89	William L. Mitchell,	18 45
Cushing Mitchell, est. of	68 84	William J. Mitchell,	2 00
Daniel R. Moody,	18 06	William W. Morey,	7 20
Daniel Morey,	9 57	William Murphy,	2 00
Ethan Monroe,	41 40		
Ellen Murray,	8 42	Andrew Nevils,	2 00
Eugene Millard,	2 00	Daniel L. Nash,	2 00
Frederic C. Mann,	2 00	Edmund W. Nutter,	43 31
Frederic Mitchell,	3 68	Frederic C. Nutter,	19 44
George Mitchell, est. of	59 15	Francis A. Nash,	55 86
George T. Mitchell,	27 63	Frank W. Newhall,	2 00
George W. Mellen,	6 21	George S. Newhall,	2 00
George Neenill,	2 00	Horace W. Newhall,	2 00
Granville C. Munroe,	2 00	Hannah Nash,	2 29
Harriet F. McCarter,	7 27	Isaac N. Nutter,	113 69
Mehitable Milliken,	14 53	Margaret O. Nutter,	68 47
Henry H. Mitchell,	2 00	John Noonan,	11 25
Isaac Miner,	2 00	John C. Newton,	2 00
James Munroe,	3 68	Josiah E. Noyes,	25 41
James F. McCarter,	2 00	Levi W. Noyes,	28 31
James Morey,	15 00	Michael Noonan,	2 00
James H. Mitchell,	101 29	Patrick Norris,	2 00
James Mahoney,	2 00	Samuel R. Newhall,	15 77
James Mahoney, est. of	21 42		
Jeremiah Mahoney,	10 42	Andrew O'Brien,	2 00
John McCarty,	2 15	Ebenezer Osborne,	2 00

Eliab N. Osborne,	\$2 00	Lemuel Pratt,	\$2 00
Galen Osborne,	20 21	Martin Parris,	19 75
George Osborne,	18 07	Mendall A. Pratt,	2 00
Henry A. Osborne,	2 00	Nathan M. Pool,	20 21
Hector O. A. Orr,	44 12	Nathaniel Perkins,	9 42
James O'Brien,	2 00	Nathaniel Porter,	24 11
James O'Hearn,	2 00	Otis B. Perry,	2 00
Joseph R. Osborne,	2 00	Oliver Pratt,	4 37
Old Colony Brick Co.,	106 34	Peregrine W. Pool,	2 00
Patrick O'Brien,	2 00	Philander Pratt,	17 68
Samuel A. Orr,	193 92	Sidney Packard,	21 74
Stephen O'Neil,	2 00	Samuel Pool,	16 54
Thomas O'Brien,	2 30	Samuel R. Pool,	8 58
William H. Osborne,	8 12	Susan Pratt,	34 89
		Timothy O. Paine,	29 84
Asaph Peterson,	13 48	Wadsworth Phillips,	56 77
Addison Pratt,	31 68	William Parker,	9 80
Allen P. Pratt,	3 38	Bethia Pratt,	12 44
Allen M. Porter,	26 09	William A. Peaseley,	16 61
B. Pincin, est. of	22 72	William F. Pratt,	62 44
Benjamin F. Pearson,	2 00	William & Dexter Pratt, heirs of	14 30
Charles W. Pratt,	2 00	Walter S. Pratt,	2 00
Cephas Perry,	2 00	Walter H. Peck,	2 00
Cephas A. Porter,	25 10		
David Pratt,	40 55	O'Brien Quigley,	10 03
David H. Pratt,	14 24	Patrick Quigley,	8 74
Francis W. Porter,	15 00		
George H. Pratt,	3 83	Asa T. Ramsdell,	31 07
Harriet S. Packard,	20 04	Amasa L. Robinson,	2 00
Henry Powers,	2 00	Aaron Ramsdell,	8 73
Howard C. Pearson,	2 00	Benjamin R. Robinson,	62 51
Isaac Pratt,	63 28	Benjamin C. Reed,	2 00
Isaac S. Pratt,	2 00	Calvin Reed,	15 01
Isaac R. Porter,	5 44	Charles W. Raymond,	3 53
James E. Peck,	2 00	Charles Rogers,	63 20
James M. Perigo,	35 82	Daniel Reed,	38 57
J. Henry Potter,	30 31	Daniel L. Reed,	2 00
Josiah J. Pratt,	2 00	Daniel N. Reed,	17 83
John T. Pratt,	16 54	David Roach,	22 51
John A. Porter,	2 00	Elijah Reybold,	2 00
John B. Porter,	2 00	Horace A. Ripley,	4 29
James B. Peterson,	2 00	Henry B. Rogers,	2 00
James Pettengill,	2 00	Isaac Reed, est. of	3 06
Levi B. Parker,	37 34	James T. Reed,	34 13
Luther E. Pope,	2 00	James L. Reed,	2 00
Luther W. Phillips,	16 15		

James Rollins,	\$18 14	Albert S. Sturtevant,	\$3 68
Jacob A. Rogers,	42 55	Baalis Sanford,	32 45
Joseph Ramsdell,	29 23	Benjamin Siddall,	9 65
John Reed,	24 80	Charles W. Siddall,	71 77
John N. Reed,	5 06	Christopher B. Smith,	25 33
John P. Reed, Jr.,	18 37	Clark Swallow,	32 60
Joshua Reed,	2 00	David Standish,	2 00
Joseph Reed,	37 12	Edgar A. Standish,	2 00
James Reardon,	19 45	Ephraim L. Sampson,	2 00
Lewis P. Raymond,	15 77	Everett C. Swallow,	2 00
L. Watts Richards,	3 22	Ezra F. Sampson,	12 86
Lucius Remick,	2 00	Fearing, Rodman & Swift,	257 04
Dexter Reed, est. of	8 60	Frederic S. Strong,	80 80
Mary H. Rust,	16 83	Frederic W. Sturtevant,	2 00
Martin Round,	16 92	Francis L. Sturtevant,	2 00
Marcus S. Reed,	70 09	Frank Smith,	14 24
Nahum Ramsdell,	2 00	Franklin M. Smith,	2 00
Nathaniel Ramsdell,	22 58	George Site,	8 65
Nathan A. W. Ramsden,	10 42	George W. Sprague,	15 39
Patrick Rogers,	2 00	Hugh Stran,	10 41
Phinley W. Reed,	44 08	Henry J. Starbuck,	24 19
Quincy Reed,	6 59	Henry M. Smith,	2 00
Sarah W. Reed,	4 59	Jabez H. Sturtevant,	2 69
Samuel D. Raymond,	12 10	James Siddall,	16 54
Simeon Richmond,	32 14	James W. Soule,	20 74
Simeon W. Richmond,	13 40	Jason Smith,	2 00
Susan Reynolds,	16 06	Jasper N. Staples,	7 74
Samuel D. Reed,	2 00	John Sampson,	2 00
Timothy K. Reed,	19 59	John H. Scribner,	13 09
Thomas Rogers,	73 15	John S. Soper,	15 00
Thomas S. H. Rounseville,	3 38	Charity Steingardt,	3 83
Walter Richards,	2 00	Joshua Sturtevant,	18 06
Wales Rogers,	17 30	Joseph Shaw,	9 42
Wallace Rust, heirs of	50 49	Lyman C. Shaw,	2 00
Welcome O. Reed,	5 06	James N. Sweeting,	16 61
William Ramsdell,	10 80	Kimball E. Sheldon,	210 38
William G. Ramsdell,	2 00	Kenelm W. Shaw,	2 00
William Reed,	12 71	Leonard Seeley,	2 00
William B. Ripley,	21 82	Lebbeus Smith,	28 09
William A. Rust,	17 30	Martin Sumner,	9 65
Zeba Richards,	6 12	Minot C. Shaw,	25 41
		Minot C. Shaw, guardian,	19 89
Andrew J. Smith,	2 00	Jonn A. Shaw,	16 83
Albert P. Sampson,	38 26	Nahum B. Smith,	26 94
Alonzo Sharp,	2 00	Nathaniel Southworth,	5 44

Nathaniel S. Snow,	\$2 00	Henry D. Trow,	\$2 00
Oliver M. Sharp,	13 48	Mary A. Tyson,	25 86
Clarissa Stetson,	80 94	Ruth Torrey,	55 43
Richard M. Smith,	34 97	Samuel W. Tillson,	26 86
Rogers & Sheldon,	470 48	Seth Thompson,	13 48
Samuel L. Sever,	29 39		
Samuel Shaw & Son,	98 30	John C. Underwood,	2 00
Samuel Shaw,	42 16	Joseph Underwood,	20 35
Samuel Shaw, Jr.,	24 19		
Samuel D. Shaw,	100 69	Ansel H. Vaughn,	32 22
Samuel C. Smith,	12 33	Joseph Vinton,	49 73
Simeon Sharp,	2 00	Josiah O. Vinton,	3 00
Thomas G. Stetson,	9 60	John H. Vosmos,	21 12
Thomas W. Sproul,	15 77	Leopold J. Voigt,	51 88
Trustees Meth. Epis. Society,	24 48	Martha Vaughn,	17 98
Treas. First Cong. Society,	22 95	William Vinton,	67 72
Treas. New Jerusalem Society,	3 06		
William Smith, est. of	19 89	Alden Washburn, est. of	7 12
William B. Smith,	2 00	Allen Washburn,	22 96
William H. Soule,	8 12	Albert D. Wheeler,	28 93
William J. Shaw,	8 88	Alphonso Whitman,	2 00
William N. Shaw,	39 49	Asa T. Whitman,	37 18
William S. Sampson,	14 78	Alice Whitman,	15 30
William F. Sturtevant,	2 00	Benjamin Ward,	79 12
Walter Severance,	13 48	Benjamin White,	24 80
Zenas W. Sturtevant,	12 78	Benjamin M. White,	24 95
		Benjamin F. Washburn, est. of	1 91
Amanda W. Thompson,	7 32	Benjamin H. Washburn,	41 86
Bartholomew Trow,	24 95	Calvin Wade,	29 77
Bethiah Tirrell,	4 59	Calvin S. Whitman,	20 21
Charles Thompson,	26 10	Cyrus C. Woodward,	27 94
Charles Thrasher,	20 38	Charles W. Wixon,	2 00
Cyrus Thrasher,	11 16	Charles G. Wood,	2 00
Daniel W. Thrasher,	2 00	Cyrus L. Williams,	2 00
David Tower,	2 00	Cushing White,	16 38
Ebenezer Tisdale,	29 54	Clark Wentworth,	2 00
Edmund F. Thayer,	2 00	Daniel Whitman,	48 28
George E. Bates,	2 00	Eliab Whitman,	5 06
George A. Trow, est. of	13 39	Eleazer Whitman, est. of	12 32
George M. Tower,	2 00	Eleazer Whitman,	30 77
Hodijah L. Tisdale,	2 00	Ebenezer Whitmarsh,	38 26
John B. Thayer,	2 00	Everett E. Wentworth,	2 00
Jeremiah D. Thurlow,	13 25	Ezra Whitmarsh,	27 47
John C. Bates,	6 59	Ezra S. Whitmarsh,	2 00
L. Mendall Thompson,	2 00	Eldridge W. Winsor,	9 58
		Enice Washburn,	19 89

Edmund White,	\$2 15	Lysander Washburn,	\$12 33
Francis Winn,	2 00	Luther Wade,	2 00
Freedom Whitman, heirs of	39 78	Luke Worcester,	42 02
Francis D. White,	2 00	Marcena A. Whitman,	31 99
Frederic P. Whitmarsh,	2 00	Marcus Willis,	2 76
Galen Willis,	168 16	Melzar Waterman,	2 00
Galen Willis, 2d,	2 00	Michael Winn,	2 00
George A. West,	21 89	Mary Whitmarsh,	3 21
George Warwick,	2 00	Melvin L. Webber,	5 06
George A. Washburn,	2 00	Nicholas Wade,	40 17
George A. Wheeler,	3 53	Noah A. Washburn,	2 76
George B. Whiting,	2 00	Orace Washburn,	5 44
George A. Wright,	19 60	Oliver H. Wade,	2 00
Gideon Wilbor,	24 57	Obadiah West,	2 00
Greenough Wood,	38 26	Pelham Winslow,	2 00
Harrison W. White,	73 91	Patrick Welch,	2 15
Hannah H. Whitman,	1 99	Patrick Whalan,	7 12
Harriet Washburn,	1 15	Perez Williams,	6 59
Henry Wyatt,	2 00	Robert Wade,	12 32
Horace Worcester,	11 95	Samuel A. Winsor,	2 00
Isaac Washburn,	63 20	Simeon G. Whitmarsh,	28 47
James Wilder,	11 09	Simeon Wood,	32 83
John Wade,	45 30	Samantha Whitman,	66 17
John Waterman,	65 03	Samuel C. White,	2 00
John E. Waterman,	12 71	Samuel F. White,	36 81
John H. Waterman,	21 51	Susannah Whitman,	15 30
John A. Whiting,	21 58	Selden Washburn,	16 15
John B. Whiting,	15 16	Stillman W. Ward,	2 00
John M. Whiting,	29 77	Thatcher P. Wright,	2 00
John W. Wright,	18 06	William Wallace,	2 00
John Worton,	2 00	Walter W. Washburn,	2 00
Joseph Worton,	2 00	William E. Whitman,	2 00
James R. Whitmarsh,	8 12	William Wright,	2 00
Joseph M. Whitman,	6 97	William L. White,	2 00
Levi Whitmarsh,	13 93	William V. West,	6 97
Levi Wright,	16 15	Willard Whitman, est. of	75 81
Levi C. Wright,	16 00	Andrew P. Young,	2 00
Lewis Wright,	2 00	Robert Young,	3 38
Lydia L. Washburn,	15 15	Solomon Young,	27 55
Lydia Williams, est. of	55 94	Welcome Young, est. of	57 22

NON-RESIDENTS.

ABINGTON.			
Marissa Alden,	\$7 42	Nahum Reed,	\$1 99
Henry Alden, heirs of	7 65	Samuel Reed,	37 98
Alfred Brown,	2 53	Marcus Reed,	3 67
Charles H. Bonney,	16 37	Benjamin F. Stearns,	38
Eli Blanchard,	22 72	Bela Thaxter,	3 83
Jane Eates, estate of	76	Ezra Trufant,	1 91
John E. Bickford,	9 95	Jared Whitman,	9 18
Lucius D. Burbeck,	19 89	Thomas White,	14 00
Lewis D. Bates,	3 36	BOSTON.	
Benjamin F. Churchill,	30	William E. Alden,	19 89
William P. Corthell,	38 74	William H. Alden,	9 18
Betsey Dyer,	1 53	Isaac Brown,	13 77
Samuel Dyer,	46	John H. Brown,	27 54
Warren H. Edson,	11 86	Theophilus P. Briggs,	17 29
Daniel M. Fullerton,	2 68	A. Allison Evans,	15 68
Henry Fullerton, estate of,	76	James Eaton,	27 54
James Fitzgibbons,	1 15	Jacob Fullerton,	3 83
Spencer Fullerton,	1 38	Francis Howe,	4 21
David B. Gurney,	1 99	Thomas Howe,	9 95
Edmund Gurney, estate of	1 53	Sarah Holmes,	1 53
Jacob H. Gurney,	2 68	Henry W. Jenkins,	33 66
Mehitable Gurney, heirs of	2 30	Caleb G. Lazell,	20 66
Seth P. Gurney,	1 91	George H. Morse,	12 24
Deborah Howland,	10 33	M. P. & G. T. McLauthlin,	26 01
E. Wallace Holmes,	46	Susan Orr,	20 66
James S. Harden,	1 53	David Parker & Co.,	61 20
Marshall Humble,	1 38	Thomas B. Reed,	12 24
Charles S. Jenkins,	46	Charles Smith,	7 65
John W. Jenkins,	18 36	Samuel R. Smith,	5 36
Rachel McClintock,	1 38	Clement Willis,	6 12
Eliab M. Noyes,	16 91	BREWSTER.	
Samuel Norton, estate of	17 60	Solomon Freeman,	2 30
Alvin Porter,	1 53	BRIDGEWATER.	
Enoch Powers,	46	Edmund Carney,	4 97
Franklin Peterson,	26 47	John Enwright,	61
Horace M. Peck,	76	Isaac L. Fish,	1 91
Luther L. Poole,	1 91	Calvin Hayward, estate of,	1 91
Noah Pool, estate of	8 57	John J. Hayward,	1 38
Cyrus Reed, estate of	6 12	John A. Hearn,	1 53
Ebenezer Reed,	2 30	Mitchell Hooper,	3 06
A. & H. Reed,	1 53	Elbridge Keith, estate of	4 51
		Hezekiah H. Keith,	1 91

Williams Latham,	\$4 59	NATICK.	
Williams Latham, guardian,	40 70	William Howard,	\$18 36
W. Lathams & C. Hobart, trust.,	1 15	NEEDHAM.	
Susan Latham,	2 68	Alden Harlow,	8 80
Spencer Leonard,	1 91	NEWCASTLE, N. H.	
Caleb Mitchell,	11 86	Locius Alden,	65 48
Daniel Murphy,	1 15	N. BRIDGEWATER.	
Cornelius O'Leary,	1 15	John E. Beal,	76
Uriah Phelps,	76	Otis F. Curtis,	3 36
Rhoda W. Robinson, est. of	2 68	John Curtis,	2 53
Nahum Stetson,	15 30	John Flynn,	11 48
Nathan Willis,	5 51	Mekitable H. Fletcher,	3 06
Simeon Wood,	1 83	Alpheus Gurney,	1 91
CAMBRIDGE.		Daniel Hayward,	3 90
Benjamin King,	3 06	Peleg S. Harden,	5 74
GROTON.		Zina Hayward, 2d,	1 07
Jeremiah K. Aldrich,	26 39	Benjamin F. Jackson,	46
HALIFAX.		Elisha H. Josselyn,	3 06
J. H. B. Butler,	92	Edwin H. Kingman,	2 37
William Howard,	23	E. H. & E. Kingman,	4 59
Edwin Inglee,	1 53	Eliphalet H. Kingman,	5 74
B. F. H. Parris,	1 53	Isaac Kingman,	6 89
Jonathan Parris,	30	John W. Kingman,	11 93
Matthew Parris,	1 22	Jeremiah Lynch,	76
HANOVER.		Marcus Leach,	4 28
Jeremiah Griffin,	13 01	Oliver Leach,	3 06
William O. Osborn,	12 24	Alva Noyes,	5 12
Ezra Phillips,	4 21	Rufus S. Noyes,	7 65
HANSON.		Marcus Packard, est. of	61
Ensign Crocker, est. of	1 15	Nahum Perkins,	5 20
John Drayton,	23	Rufus E. Packard,	4 59
Alpheus C. Harden,	4 59	H. W. Robinson,	9 18
George C. Hobart,	2 68	Addison Shaw,	9 79
Isaac Hobart,	37 10	C. Sprague, est. of	1 76
Joseph T. Hathaway,	3 36	Mary Thayer,	6 96
Luther Keen,	4 59	Harrison A. Thomas,	14 54
Francis Osborn,	5 36	J. Albert Young,	46 67
Ira Thomas, est. of	3 06	PEMBROKE.	
Joseph White,	2 30	S. C. Hathaway, Jr.,	6 58
LYNN.		Amos Jones,	76
Moses M. Sweetser,	21 42	PLYMOUTH.	
MIDDLEBORO'.		James Bates,	14 54
John M. Soule,	20 73	George G. Dyer,	1 15
Joshua Whitmarsh,	2 68		

RANDOLPH.		J. L. Hayward,	\$1 83
Julia C. Alden,	61	Thomas Hayward,	1 15
SALEM.		George W. Johnson,	12 85
Sarah B. Thomas,	6 88	Allen Leach,	15 30
SOMERSET.		Galen K. Richards,	4 44
Mount Hope Iron Co.,	54 70	John Richards,	7 27
SOMERVILLE.		Justin W. Richards,	8 42
Winslow Whitman,	1 15	S. G. & G. D. Ryder,	4 59
TAUNTON.		Charles C. Thayer,	76
George W. Dean,	76	C. C & E. Thayer,	3 06
C. Kingman, est. of	19 13	David Tinkham,	76
W. BRIDGEWATER.		Richard Thayer,	29 07
Thompson B. Caldwell,	46	W. ROXBURY.	
Melvin C. Edson,	76	A. P. Collicot,	15 30
Andrew B. Holmes,	2 30		

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

To inventory Feb. 1, 1872.....	\$2,568 38	
salary of Warden from Feb. 1, 1872,		
to Feb. 1, 1873.....	350 00	
Dr. S. A. Orr, medical attendance....	25 00	
Cash from Town Treasury.....	400 00	
	<hr/>	\$3,343 38

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By inventory Feb. 1, 1873.....	\$2,423 65	
case in hands of Warden.....	127 40	
uncollected bills	228 00	
Cost of supporting Poor at Almshouse...	564 33	
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Whole number of paupers during the year, 14.

Average number of paupers, 5.7.

Present number at Almshouse, 6.

Average cost per week for support, \$1.90.

Present inmates of the Almshouse :

Harriet F. Parris.....	33 years of age
James M. Gurney.....	55
Calvin Eaton.....	73
Lysander Bourne.....	64
Ard Edson.....	80
Adeline H. Keen.....	50

Admitted during the year :

Ard Edson.

Adeline H. Keen.

Discharged during the year :

Zilpha A. Bouldry,	Augustus E. Bouldry,
Roland V. Bouldry,	James Bouldry,
Thomas H. Bouldry,	Thaddeus M. Bouldry,
Carleton Bouldry,	Owen F. Bouldry.

EXPENSES OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for aid to Mrs. Z. A. Bouldry and children....	\$196 30
Asenath M. Vickery.....	51 00
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Reed.....	106 00
Mrs. Deborah Bates and child.....	100 00
Mrs. Eliza Worthington and child....	10 50
Mrs. Mary E. Josselyn.....	8 00
Mrs. Jane A. Munroe.....	33 00
Mrs. Melissa Mitchell.....	27 98
Misses J. S. and M. P. Washburn...	36 63
Miss Lucina Mitchell.....	52 00
Miss Sybil P. Dunbar.....	52 00
Miss Laura E. Hall.....	6 00
Orrin Parris and family.....	95 00
Martin F. Keen and family.....	44 83
Patrick Barrett.....	36 00
Henry F. Sturtevant.....	1 50
State Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, for support of Nathaniel S. Bouldry.....	204 59
State Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, for support of George H. Savary.....	143 30
the Town of Abington for support of Isaac F. Hill at the State Lunatic Hospital, Taun- ton.....	88 25
A. Hunting for supplies furnished Mrs. L. Keith Jr., in 1870.....	9 86
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	\$1,302 76

Deduct amount paid by the town of Hanover for aid to Mrs. Mary E. Josselyn.....	8 00
amount paid by the Commonwealth for aid to Patrick Barrett.....	36 00
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	\$44 00
Net expense out of Almshouse.....	\$1,258 76
Net expense in Almshouse.....	564 33
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	\$1,823 09
Unexpended.....	176 91
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Appropriation.....	\$2,000 00

JACOB BATES,
ELIAB LATHAM,
CHARLES H. GOSS, } *Overseers
of the
Poor.*

Feb. 1, 1873.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

E. S. WHITMARSH, COLLECTOR.

DR.

Tax committed.....	\$20,876 20
Interest collected.....	83 86
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	\$20,960 06

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Paid Treasurer.....	\$20,103 71
Discount on tax.....	856 35
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	\$20,960 06

I have received the following abatements: Calvin Buck, Frank Bean, Robert H. Bryant, Jacob Kingham, William Leahy, Amos W. Mellen, Granville C. Munroe, Henry Powers, Walter H. Peck, Samuel A. Winsor, Moses Cummings, Patrick Kennedy, Patrick McNamara, Hodijah L. Tisdale, Oliver J. Dunn, Peter Foley, Walter Richards, R. A. Littlefield Jr., William Wright.

Of the above, 1 is dead, 5 not taxable, 13 residence unknown. Total abatement to Collector, \$38.00.

E. S. WHITMARSH, *Collector*.

Having examined the accounts of E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector of Taxes, we find that he has collected the whole commitment, and has paid the same to the Treasurer.

I. N. NUTTER,
SAMUEL P. ALDEN, } *Auditors.*

East Bridgewater, Feb. 28, 1873.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY GURNEY, TREASURER, in account with Town.

DR.

To balance from I. N. Nutter, Treasurer.....	\$3,494 01	
cash borrowed from Abington National Bank...	2,500 00	
cash from State Treasurer, Bank tax		
1871, (balance).....	20 56	
cash from State Treasurer, Corpora-		
tion tax, 1871, (balance).....	5 95	
cash from State Treasurer, Corpora-		
tion tax, 1872.....	563 27	
cash from State Treasurer, Pauper		
account.....	36 00	
cash from State Treasurer, income		
Mass. School-Fund.....	205 71	
cash from State Treasurer, State Aid		
refunded.....	1,468 26	
		2,299 75
cash from County Treasurer, Dog tax.....		200 18
cash from Town of Hanover, aid to M. E. Josse-		
lyn.....		8 00
cash from Town of West Bridgewater, schooling		230 58
cash from Town of W. Bridgewater, school-books		6 04
cash refunded for school-books, (Northville)....		6 43
cash from release of land, D. Tinkham.....		9 93
cash from release of land taxed to Wm. U. Brett		12 13
cash from E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, in full....		20,103 62
		<u>\$28,870 67</u>

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Paid notes, Abington National Bank.....	\$2,500 00
interest on same.....	35 49
interest on Town Bonds.....	650 20
Town Bonds.....	2,000 00
County tax.....	1,791 96
State tax.....	2,140 00
Selectmen's orders.....	6,864 28
Selectmen's orders, State Aid.....	1,334 00
School Committee's orders.....	8,082 65
Balance.....	3,472 09
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	\$28,870 67

East Bridgewater, Feb. 28, 1873.

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and find the items thereof properly entered and vouched for.

I. N. NUTTER, }
S. P. ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF TOWN HALL AGENT.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 1, 1872, cash on hand.....	\$9 29
Received for use of Town Hall in Feb. 1872.....	15 00
March, 1872,.....	13 00
April, 1872,.....	11 00
May, 1872.....	8 00
June, 1872.....	17 00
August, 1872,....	4 00
September, 1872..	12 00
October, 1872...	3 00
November, 1872..	16 00
December, 1872..	14 00
January, 1873....	13 00
Received of Episcopal Society.....	8 00
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	\$143 29

EXPENDITURES.

Feb. 14, 1872, paid J. Hobart for coal.....	\$5 00
May 30, paid for labor and materials papering Town Hall.....	27 50
May 30, paid S. Covil for plastering.....	4 25
Sept. 16, paid for broom.....	40
Sept. 17, paid Harlow Harden for repairs.....	2 00
Sept. 17, paid for steps.....	2 25
Sept. 17, paid for kerosene oil.....	4 28
Sept. 17, paid for lamp.....	2 50
Sept. 26. paid for burners and chimnies....,	7 13
Sept. 26, paid H. A. Grow for setting glass	1 00
Nov. 9, paid for charcoal.....	2 40
Nov. 15, paid Thomas Herrick for repairs on settees	9 50
Nov. 15, paid W. Johnson's bill for locks, lamps, wicks, &c.....	8 59
Jan. 8, 1873, paid J. Hobart for coal	9 00
Jan. 18, 1873, paid Rogers & Sheldon for coal.....	5 49
Paid for Janitor's services.....	51 00
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Balance in favor of the Hall.....	1 00
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	\$143 29

J. A. ROGERS, *Agent.*

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

The solemnization of thirty marriages were registered in East Bridgewater for the year 1872. The following is copied from the records, with the name of the persons officiating :

Date of marriage.

Name of groom and bride, and residence of each.

- Feb. 10, 1872: Lyman C. Shaw and Fanny R. Cummings, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.
- Feb. 14. Noah T. Harden, of East Bridgewater, and Lucy M. Noyes, of Abington. By Rev. Joseph Pettee.
- Feb. 27. George H. Wright, of Abington, and Mary Elizabeth Allen, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
- March 15. Thomas Judson Fish, of East Bridgewater, and Annie Jones, of Abington. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
- March 16. Charles M. Dickerman and Mary Ellen Townsend, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. P. Hamblett.
- March 22. John S. Gardner and Zelenda I. Merrill, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. H. A. Stevens.
- March 23. Seth Herbert Bryant and Mary E. Copeland, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
- April 14. Henry M. Smith and Marion H. Bradley, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
- April 17. William H. Taylor, of Westerly, R. I., and Mary E. White, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. S. A. Winsor.
- April 21. Nathan Otis Kingman and Imogene Whitmarsh, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Bernard Paine.
- April 21. Clinton W. Cole, of Middleboro', and Ella E. Raymond, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. S. A. Winsor.
- April 25. James Parker, of Boston, and Mary Elizabeth Folsom, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. B. R. Gifford.
- May 16. Charles W. Raymond and Etta Josephine Cook, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
- May 28. Robert C. Keith and Cordelia A. Gould, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. F. Farrington.
- June 15. Frank F. Keene, of Hanson, and Maria E. Hathaway, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. S. A. Winsor.

- June 23. Benjamin S. Hayward and Addie Cushman Alden, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
- June 25. Wilmot V. Everson and Fannie E. Smith, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John Thompson.
- June 30. James Edwin Coggshall, of Bristol, R. I., and Hattie E. Holmes, of E, Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- July 10. Isaac Newton Clements, of Marcellus, N. Y., and Abbie Smith, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. H. Newhall.
- July 14. Ira H. Sumner and Edith F. Sturtevant, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Theodore F. Wright.
- August 21. Albert F. Munroe and Maria B. Durfee, both of Fall River. By Rev. Timothy O. Paine.
- August 31. Charles H. Dunbar, of West Bridgewater, and Sarah B. Holmes, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Paul Townsend.
- September 1. John Frederick Jordan, of East Bridgewater, and Mary Eliza Cox, of Marshfield. By Rev. George Leonard.
- September 21. Charles Edmond Allen, of East Bridgewater, and Flora Estelle Phillips, of Westfield. By Rev. H. A. Stevens.
- October 3. Charles W. Copeland, of West Bridgewater, and Jennett Orr Mitchell, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- October 10. Luther Harden and Rachel H. Lincoln, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- October 20. Edwin Hayward, of East Bridgewater, and Mary Emma Reynolds, of North Bridgewater. By Rev. H. A. Stevens.
- November 20. Ebenezer B. K. Gurney, of Hanson, and Desire S. Osborne, of East Bridgewater. By C. Alden Bates, Esq., J. P.
- November 27. Andrew P. Sturtevant and Ellen F. Jenness, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
- November 28. George R. Lyon, of East Bridgewater, and Ella F. Churchill, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.

J. A. ROGERS, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1872, INCLUDING TWO NOT REPORTED THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1871.		
Jan. 3,	Alice Ethell Cole,	Ornan M. and Flavilla.
October 15.	Alice F. Boden,	Charles and Martha Ann.
1872.		
January 2,	Mabel Frances Alden,	Arthur P. and Lorelia V.
" 8,	Lena Estelle French,	William H. and Almira D.
" 9,	Anna Lizzie Hill,	Henry G. and Catharine.
" 15,	Edith Ellen Osborne,	Joseph R. and Emily R.
" 10,	Fred Robinson Siddall,	Benjamin and Sarah Jane.
" 20,	Louise Dodge,	Austin and Sarah S.
Feb'y 11,	Asa William Stetson,	Thomas G. and Frances I.
" 11,	Charles Richmond Harding,	Charles W. and Amelia A.
" 16,	Minnie Marian Millerd,	Eugene and Adrianna M.
" 16,	Charles Francis Randall.	John S. and Nellie Frances.
" 19,	John T. Carroll,	Patrick and Bridget.
" 28,	Albert Clifton Ramsden.	Nathan A. and Selina M.
March 6,	George Eldon Beals,	Albert and Lucretia.
" 8,	George Ervin Hodgson,	William and Susan.
" 9,	Nathan Whitman,	William E. and Patience C.
" 15,	Henry Thomas Wade,	Robert and Eliza A.
" 16,	Nellie Elizabeth Beals.	George G. and Harriet.
" 22,	Lucinda Mabel Keith,	Benjamin W. and Helen Louise.
" 23,	Owen Maguire,	Owen and Hannah.
April 5,	Emma F. Brown,	John E. and Mary E.
" 7,	Reuben Worton,	John and Mary.
" 18,	George Bertrand Mitchell.	George T. and Maria A.
May 2,	Bertha May Kingman,	Edward and Bethiah M.
" 7,	Mary Jane Donnelly,	Bartholomew and Jane.
June 3,	——— Rogers,	Wales and Sarah Louise.
" 7,	Grace Russell Kingman.	Nathan O. and Imogene.
" 8,	Lillie Lincoln Tisdale,	Hodijah L. and Isabell P.
" 13.	Ann Lizzie Whitman,	Joseph M. and Lizzie D.
" 15,	Lizzie Feeney,	Michael Jr. and Mary.
" 19,	Alton E. Brett,	William U. and Nancy M.
" 23,	Hermon Leonard,	Hermon and Angenette.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1872.		
July 2,	Walter J. Dunn,	Joseph R. and Mary Ann.
" 12,	Clara Gertrude Rounceville,	Thomas S. H. and Adelia M.
" 16,	John Hagen,	Peter and Rosyanna.
" 23,	Mary Jane Barrows,	Oliver C. and Ellen.
August 1,	Mary Ann Foley,	Coleman and Bridget,
" 2,	Harriet Ellsworth Poole,	Nahum and Lurana T.
" 5,	Ada Lillian Soule,	William H. and Luzetta.
" 10,	Marion Leslie Hicks,	Caleb E. and Cleone F.
" 18,	Bertrand Burgess Nutter,	Edmund W. and Harriet.
" 19,	William Frederick Smith,	William H. and Olive A. Howe.
" 30,	Anna Sites.	George and Bridget.
Sept'r. 4,	James W. Hennessey,	Michael and Catharine.
" 5,	Winthrop Otis Vinton,	Josiah O. and Mary G.
" 7,	Clara Clifton Howland,	John O. and Clarrissa K.
" 10,	Luthera M. Leach,	Alonzo and Charlotte.
" 13,	Charley T. Clark,	Thomas H. and Helen E.
" 13,	Amie Elizabeth Harden,	Albert and Elizabeth T.
" 23,	Hattie A. Lothrop,	Waldo P. and Hattie A.
October 6,	James Gorman,	Michael and Bridget.
" 14,	Israel Thrasher,	Daniel W. and Adrianna.
" 25,	Walter Everett Harwood.	Henry V. and Hattie A.
" 27,	Harry Mellen Farrington,	Mellen M. and Mary Ella.
Novem'r 1,	Clara Augusta Beaton,	James W. and Laura A.
" 4,	Bridget Foley,	Patrick and Mary.
" 13,	Mary Elizabeth Young,	Andrew P. and Almira F.
" 25,	George Herbert Gardner,	Thomas C. and Celeste A.
" 26,	Elsie Gurney Howard,	Cyrus and Lydia H.
" 28,	James Winn,	Frank and Catharine.
" 28,	Margaret Wallace,	William and Johanna.
Decem'r 7,	Mary Ann Fritz,	Frank and Anna.
" 18,	——— Hayward,	Edward Y. and Annetta A.
" 31,	Jennie Francis Wentworth,	Horace E. and Eliza Frances.
" 31,	George Henry Norris,	Patrick and Bridget.

Whole number of Births in 1872.....	64
Males.....	30
Females.....	34
	— 64
Of foreign parentage.....	17

J. A. ROGERS, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1872.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.		DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS, ETC.
		Mo.	Days.			
Jan'y	Almira B. Hathaway (Jones)	39	8 13	Consumption.	Bridgewater.	Wife Seabury C. Hathaway, Jr.
	George Gross	-	63	624 Typhoid Pneumonia.	Hanover.	Carpenter.
	Charles Evans	-	19	-20 Typhoid Fever.	Ireland.	Son Patrick and Mary Evans.
	Lizzie Carver Bennett	-	9 10	1 Scarlet Fever.	E. Bridgewater.	Dau. Eleazer C. and A. F. Bennett.
13,	Sarah Hathaway (Porter)	-	72	10 Pneumonia.	Halifax.	Wife of Seabury C. Hathaway.
14,	Heard Milliken	-	72	8 Schirrus of Stomach.	Scarboro, Me.	Baker.
17,	Fred. Williams Thompson	-	1	723 Phlegm Stoppage.	E. Bridgewater.	Son Lysander M. & S. M. Thompson
20,	Nancy Orecutt (Willis)	-	84	8 7 Old age.	E. Bridgewater.	Widow of Galen Orecutt.
21,	Otis Kingman	-	42	923 Scrofula.	Pittsburg, Pa.	Son Nathan and Huldah Kingman.
23,	Levi Osborne	-	64	524 Pulmonary Congestion	Hanson.	Son of Levi and Sophia Osborne.
Feb'y	Harry B. Crocker	-	1	10 3 Consumption.	Boston.	Son Eben, S. and Mary T. Crocker.
7,	Mary Ellen Kent	-	-	21 Croup.	E. Bridgewater.	Son Phillip and Margaret Kent.
11,	Mary E. Josselyn (Williams)	33	1	3 Consumption.	Connecticut.	Dau. George and Mary Williams.
24,	John Adams Williams	-	71	815 Paralysis.	Roxbury.	Son Thomas & Elizabeth Williams.
March	Wallace B. Jones	-	14	7 19 Typhoid Fever.	W. Bridgewater.	Son Leonard & Deborah O. Jones.
21,	William H. Tyson	-	64	11 Unknown.	England.	Farmer. Buried at Mount Auburn.
25,	Jane Ann Vinton (Keith)	-	40	7 17 Consumption.	E. Bridgewater.	Wife of Joseph Vinton.
27,	Peg Thompson	-	74	10 24 Paralysis.	Halfax.	Son Ezra and Sarah Thompson.
April	Ellis Hobnes	-	88	11 20 Old age.	Bridgewater.	Son Cornelius & Elizabeth Holmes.
1,	Patrick Barrett	-	87	3 8 Old age.	E. Bridgewater.	Son Cushing and Hannah Mitchell.
5,	Cushing Mitchell	-	55	- Paralytic shock.	Ireland.	Son John and Elizabeth Barrett.
8,	Patrick Barrett	-	15	4 13 Inflamm. of Stomach.	E. Bridgewater.	Dau. Joshua & Margaret Sturtevant.
10,	Catharine M. Sturtevant	-	78	2 - Pneumonia.	Dorchester.	Son Samuel and Susanna Bird.
11,	William Bird	-	-	3 5 Cong. Heart & Lungs.	E. Bridgewater.	Dau. Jos. R. and Emily R. Osborne.
14,	Edith Ellen Osborne	-	58	6 14 Cancerous humor.	Abington.	Wife of Lucius Bonney.
20,	Clarissa Bonney (Bennett)	-	7	6 Old age.	Ashby.	Dau. Samuel and Betsey Lawrence.
27,	Rebecca Lawrence (Lawrence)	81	7	6 Influenza.	E. Bridgewater.	Son Wm. E. & Patience Whitman.
May	Nathan Whitman	-	77	7 - Pneumonia.	Boston.	Dau. David and Eliza Bell.
25,	Sarah G. Turner (Bell)	-	57	9 12 Softening of the Brain.	Orrington, Me.	Son Luke and Sally Smith.
June	Richard M. Smith	-	-	-	Ireland.	Dau. George and Mary Drislane.
6,	Mary Morey (Drislane)	-	70	-	-	-

June	11,	John F. Norris	-	-	10	8-27	Rheumatic Fever	E. Bridgewater.	Son Patrick and Bridget Norris.
	30,	James H. Mitchell	-	-	59	7-15	Bright's dis. Kidney.	E. Bridgewater.	Son Nahum and Nabby Mitchell.
July	7,	Peter Cloherty	-	-	-	-	9-15	Struck.	Son Cornelius and Mary Cloherty.
	8,	Bertha Davenport	-	-	-	5	9	Infam. of Bowels.	Dau. Saml C. & M. A. Davenport.
	28,	Nathaniel Ramsdell	-	-	-	83	3	Old age.	Son Joseph and Lydia Ramsdall.
	29,	James Wilder	-	-	-	29	-	Consumption.	Unknown.
Aug.	8,	Sarah Rogers (Thompson)	-	-	-	70	10	Infam. of Bowels.	Wife of Charles Rogers.
	13,	Herman Leonard	-	-	-	-	1-13	Congestion of Brain.	Son Herman & Angenette Leonard.
	13,	George E. Wright	-	-	-	68	5	Dropsy.	Son Barzillai E. & Patience Wright.
	17,	Harriet Ellsworth Poole	-	-	-	-	15	Cholera Infantum.	Dau. Nahum and Lurana T. Poole.
	18,	Christianna Lazell (Gannett)	-	-	-	79	5	Old age.	Widow of Marston Lazell.
	20,	Frank Sturtevant	-	-	-	25	8	Consumption.	Son Joshua and Louisa Sturtevant.
	20,	Albert D. Converse	-	-	-	22	11	Suicide.	Son Marquis D. & M. A. Converse.
	21,	Olive Amelia Howe (Bell)	-	-	-	25	3	Child birth.	Wife William Henry Howe.
	25,	William Kingman Owens	-	-	-	1	-	Diarrhea.	Son John C. and Harriet Owens.
	28,	Henry L. Packard	-	-	-	21	9	Consumption.	Son Hollis S. & Harriet S. Packard.
Sept.	1,	Lucy C. Bryan (Harlow)	-	-	-	61	1	Consumption.	Wife Branch L. Bryan.
	1,	Margaret Drislane (Quinlan)	-	-	-	33	8	Cholera Morbus.	Wife Patrick Drislane.
	2,	Ellen Washburn (Thompson)	-	-	-	28	10	Consumption.	Wife Chas. F. Washburn, Taunton.
	3,	Hannah Whitman	-	-	-	54	6	Consumption.	Dau. Martin & Susanna Whitman.
	7,	Sarah K. Jones (Soutle)	-	-	-	26	5	Gastric Fever.	Wife Charles L. Jones.
Oct.	21,	Eliza Gardner	-	-	-	64	8	Consumption.	Dau. John and Betsey T. Gardner.
	3,	Samuel Stillman Newhall	-	-	-	54	-	Chronic Gastritis.	Son Sam'l P. & Lydia S. Newhall.
	4,	Robert Hooper Bryant	-	-	-	52	-	Suicide.	Son George & Elizabeth J. Bryant.
	5,	Julia Ann Harris (Orr)	-	-	-	44	6	Heart Disease.	Wife Benjamin W. Harris.
	15,	Henry Elwin Sampson	-	-	-	12	-	Dropsy on the Brain.	Son Azor H. & Betsey C. Sampson.
	16,	George E. Luzard Jr	-	-	-	25	10	Consumption.	Son George F. and C. H. Luzardier.
	23,	Susan Buck (Sherman)	-	-	-	80	6	Old age.	Wife of Calvin Buck.
Nov.	7,	Bailey Allen	-	-	-	76	4	Ossification of Heart.	Son Timothy and Betsey Allen.
Dec.	12,	Polly Herrick (Robinson)	-	-	-	83	-	Old age.	Dau. Benjamin Robinson.
	18,	Selden Washburn	-	-	-	73	3	Heart Disease.	Son Zenas and Lydia Washburn.
	21,	Robert Wagner	-	-	-	37	-	Consumption.	Son David and Honora Wagner.
	24,	Lucy D. Waterman (Wright)	-	-	-	79	6	Erysipelas.	Daughter Jabez Wright.

Number of Deaths registered, 62: Males, 35; Females, 28; Of American birth, 56; of Foreign birth, 6; unknown, 1. 9 persons died of old age, and 15 only were less than 21 years of age; while in the previous year, 28 persons died before attaining to their majority.

J. A. ROGERS, Town Clerk.



THE ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE
Year Ending March 1, 1873.

PLYMOUTH:
AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK & JOB PRINTERS,
CORNER OF COURT AND NORTH STREETS.

1873.

R E P O R T .

The statutes of the Commonwealth require that the Superintending School Committee "shall, monthly, one or more of them, visit each of the Public Schools in their respective cities and Towns;" and "shall, annually, make a detailed report of their condition." Having, as far as possible, conformed to the first of these requirements, we proceed, in compliance with the second, to present the following report:

The Committee was organized by the choice of MOSES BATES as Chairman and Treasurer, and BAALIS SANFORD, Secretary.

Messrs. BATES, SANFORD, and DODGE were elected a Sub-Committee for special supervision and examinations. They assigned the schools, for this purpose, to different members, as follows:

To Mr. BATES, the schools in Northville and Union St., and the East Primary.

To Mr. DODGE, the West Primary, and the schools in Beaver and West Crook.

To Mr. SANFORD, the schools in Elmwood, Satucket, Curtis, and Eastville.

The schools in the High School building, though having had no particular assignment, are reported by Mr SANFORD, from his monthly visits and examinations.

As some of the schools, at this writing, have yet to continue a number of weeks, our report of their respective condition is made up to the present time.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. WYMAN C. FICKETT, Principal; Miss FLORENCE A. JENKINS, Assistant.

The High School has continued during the year in charge of the same teachers, and the favorable notice given of their work in our last report will fully apply to the present. Our expectations, arising from their long experience and past success, have been well answered.

The advance of the classes, both in the English and classical course, has been steady, giving strong promise of still more happy results at the end of the year, while the daily record and the "test exercises," from month to month, testify to the thorough and faithful instruction given by the teachers. An inspection of this record will show to any one a gratifying condition of the school.

The deportment has corresponded finely to the advance in studies; approved discipline, and excellent order having uniformly the ascendancy.

The pupils have evinced a laudable ambition to excel; and convinced that, in order to do this, a constant

attendance is essential, they have shown on the record a remarkably high average, as appears from the following statistics furnished by the Principal:

Spring Term.

Whole number of scholars,	72
Average number of scholars,	68
Per cent. of whole,	96

Fall Term.

Whole number of scholars,	60
Average number of scholars,	58.5
Percentage of attendance,	95

Winter Term.

Whole number of scholars,	60
Average number of scholars,	57.5
Percentage of attendance,	96

Per cent. of average attendance for the year, $95\frac{66}{100}$
an attendance higher than that of any former year.

This is worthy of special note, as showing the strong degree of interest felt by the pupils.

We have been much pleased to notice the *direct* influence of the school in forming nobleness of character, and fitting our youth for any department of life; and, also, its *indirect* influence, in giving an impulse to the Common Schools, inciting them to earnestness of effort in preparation for admission to its privileges. A goodly number in the distant schools have felt this influence, been suc-

cessful in their preparatory endeavors, and are now as regular and punctual in their attendance as those nearest the school building.

The course of study comprises a period of four years. One scholar will have completed this course at the end of the present term, and be prepared for graduation, but has expressed a desire to continue his connection with the school still longer, for reviews and attention to advanced studies. The sub-senior class, numbering eleven, have severally determined to pursue the prescribed course another year, to its honorable fulfilment.

This is of prime importance, as the last year includes more critical attention to the study of languages, in connection with the free use of our mother tongue in the proper expression of thought. This is justly regarded as the most important, — the crowning study of the High School course. A deficiency in this cannot be supplied by the mere knowledge of syntax. The study of English Grammar alone, or even the study of language, cannot develop sufficient ability for the skilful and forcible use of it. Grammar, Composition, and Rhetoric must be combined. There must be a course of training that shall have for its special object the aiding of scholars, in enlarging their knowledge of words, and the accurate, skilful appliance of them as the vehicle of thought and sentiment.

In the furtherance of this object, a new and valuable text-book of Rhetoric* has been introduced, to which the most advanced class are devoting their attention with commendable success.

And that every class that enters this school may not leave it, whatever other studies may have engaged their attention, without having made good proficiency in this, is a consummation earnestly to be desired. For then we should not be compelled, as too often has been the case, to send out our High School scholars into the world with so meagre a vocabulary, and such inadequate power to give correct expression to their thoughts, that all else they have learned during years devoted to study, seems comparatively of little good effect.

It is a noticeable and suggestive fact that the State Normal Schools can furnish but a small part of the teachers that are required for the Common Schools, so that very much dependence must be placed on the High Schools for the accomplishment of this work.

Already some of our own graduates have been quite successful as teachers in schools of lower grade. And it would seem desirable that, in the last year of the course, instruction should be so arranged as to have, so far as practicable for those who wish it, particular reference to the theory and practice of teaching. This might operate with many as a special inducement to complete the

*Kerl's Composition and Rhetoric.

course of study, and would extend far more widely the benefits of a High School education.

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

This large school, during the entire year, has been conducted by Mr. C. H. DUNBAR. Under his effective administration a change was wrought in some important respects. The spirit of insubordination, which had existed to some extent, was effectually subdued. There was a much better manifestation of good behavior, and a more general attention to the preparation and recitation of the prescribed lessons. Classes were vigorously and skilfully drilled; and the general improvement has been steady and excellent.

The assistants, Miss GEORGIE KEITH, for the first and second terms, and Miss MARIETTA K. JOHNSON, a Normal School graduate, for the third, have succeeded well in advancing the several classes under their immediate instruction.

ELMWOOD INTERMEDIATE.

The work accomplished in this school during the year, under the management of Miss HATTIE A. COBB, has been very commendable and satisfactory. By earnest and efficient teaching, she labored to inspire the pupils with an ambition for improvement,—to “wake up mind,” and incite it to think, and understand the lessons in all the branches taught.

The visitor in this school was sure to see neatness,

order, industry, and a good degree of enthusiasm in recitations. The principles of Grammar were successfully taught. The exhibitions in map-drawing were excellent, and the writing books showed more than ordinary skill and improvement. All the other branches evinced a thoroughness and progress alike creditable to teacher and scholars.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Miss MARY C. PRATT is about closing, in this school, another year of professional care and labor. Annually, for the last decade, has she had the responsibility and honor of here preparing scholars for the Intermediate grade. The results of the present year will compare well with those of the past. Having the advantage of excellent school accommodations, which have been recently furnished, and what is more, a lively interest in school studies and deportment on the part of the pupils, the work of discipline has been comparatively easy, and that of instructing pleasant and effective, insuring the large and punctual attendance of the children, an interested attention to their daily lessons, and a commendable progress in the highly important branches of the elementary course.

EASTVILLE,—MIXED.

Miss MARY J. CURRAN, who taught this school to our acceptance the Winter term of the preceding year, has had it in charge since that time. Some scholars, on

account of distance and the severity of the weather, have been inconstant in attendance. The Primer class, the present term, have often been absent. And yet, for the year, the record of daily attendance, recitations, and deportment, shows a good degree of excellence. This result is owing in part, no doubt, to the outward influence of a good and well furnished house, still more to the scholars having been awakened to an interest in their work, under faithful instruction.

SATUCKET,—MIXED.

The well furnished house in this locality is inviting in its aspect, and has more than sufficient accommodations for the scholars in attendance, a considerable number having left for the High School, and some for other purposes. The first and second terms of the school were under the charge of Miss CHARLOTTE E. HAMMOND, a graduate of the Normal School, Bridgewater, and a teacher of experience. She labored assiduously for the good of the school, not without some profit, especially the first term. But, evidently, her securing here the best order was more difficult than she had anticipated. Some of the pupils, however, showed a partial appreciation of their privileges, and advanced in their studies. The teacher resigned her position at the end of the second term.

The last term was conducted by Miss EMMA R. NASH, a graduate of the High School. Having successfully taught,

for nearly two years, our largest Primary School, she showed an adaptness and efficiency for this school of higher grade, which soon wrought a very gratifying change ; and, without any severe measures of discipline, maintained, throughout, exact order and excellent improvement in all the studies.

CURTIS,—MIXED.

This school, which was well taught one term of the preceding year by Miss ANNIE WHEELER, has continued under her care during the last year. Though the scholars are few in number and widely scattered, yet the attendance has been good ; and by the teacher's earnest and well directed efforts, aided by the interest of parents, the condition of the school, in all essential respects, has afforded much satisfaction.

BEAVER, MIXED.

During a part of the year this school was in charge of Miss ELLA F. CHURCHILL, who well sustained her previous reputation as a successful teacher.

During the Fall term she resigned on account of ill health, much to the regret of pupils and parents, but with the kind wishes of all.

Miss HATTIE E. ALLEN succeeded Miss CHURCHILL. She entered upon her duties in the midst of the Fall term, and had to meet the peculiar difficulties which

frequently accompany a change of teachers ; but, by resolution, skill, and untiring devotion, she overcame these, and the school, under her tuition, has prospered. The recitations are accurate, and the exercises are varied by drawing, gymnastics, and singing. The school room is made pleasant by its neatness, tasteful decorations, and vine-wreathed walls.

Miss WHITMAN, the asistant teacher, a graduate of the High School, has discharged her duties during the entire year faithfully and with commendable success.

WEST CROOK,—MIXED.

Miss FANNIE REED, teacher.

Under this experienced and conscientious teacher, this school still maintains its high position. The pupils in this school are gaining the first elements of an education in a manner which will tell upon their future progress with most excellent effect. A marked feature of this teacher's instruction is topical recitation, requiring acquaintance with the subject on the part of the teacher, and attention and careful preparation on the part of the pupil. By her kindness and dignity she has secured the respect and love of parents and children.

NORTHVILLE,—MIXED.

Contrary to the expectations of the Committee when our last annual report was closed, this school has another year been under the charge of Miss JULIA B. WHITE, of

Holbrook, and her success, during the four years she has been connected with the school, has never been more complete than during the year now closed. Though the mutual attachment between teacher and pupils is apparently strong, Miss WHITE never fails to keep in view her authority over the school, and hence, the secret of her success. Though the closing examination showed a larger number of scholars than during the two previous terms, — the excess being those of a more advanced age, — there was no lack of subordination to the discipline of the school, and a commendable progress was apparent in all the classes, which, in a “mixed school,” embracing scholars of all ages, from the learner of the alphabet to the candidate for admission to the High School, are necessarily more numerous than in our graded schools. In the care of her school room, also, Miss WHITE has manifested an interest highly commendable, and her example in this regard might be followed with profit by other teachers.

UNION STREET,—MIXED.

This school, previously designated as the “North Primary,” was taught during the Summer term by Miss DORA P. STUART, of this town, under whose charge it had been for the three years previous. Devoting herself to her task with the same earnestness as in previous years, a good degree of progress was attained, though by retaining the advanced class, the school was unexpectedly

large, and the labor was correspondingly increased. Her failing health during the last part of the term made her duties more difficult, and at the close she was compelled to resign her charge.

During the Autumn term the school was under the care of Miss S. ADDIE TROW, of Cambridge, a graduate of the "Training School" of that city, who, though without previous experience, brought such testimonials in regard to her literary qualifications as to lead the Committee to expect she would be successful as a teacher. But failing to win either the confidence or the respect of her scholars, she was unable to maintain her authority over the school, or to awaken any interest on the part of the pupils in their work, and the close of the term ended her connection with the school.

For the Winter term the Committee were exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Miss ANNA C. FRENCH, of Quincy, a teacher of some experience, and one whose quiet dignity of character at once commended her to the respect of her pupils. Without assuming undue authority, but with an intuitive aptness to govern, which is a gift by nature rather than an acquirement, Miss FRENCH in a very few days had re-enlisted the interest of the pupils in their studies, restored order and decorum in the school room, and the closing examination was alike commendable to teacher and scholars, and as highly gratifying to the Committee. Though connected with our schools but for a single term, Miss FRENCH has

won the confidence and kind regards of parents and scholars, and the Committee cannot fail to express their hope that nothing will occur to prevent her from resuming the position she has so satisfactorily filled.

EAST PRIMARY.

This school, for the entire year, has been under the direction of Miss ALICE M. EDSON, of this Town, a graduate of our High School, of the class of 1872. Miss EDSON has labored faithfully for the advancement of her scholars, and if, in all respects, her efforts have not been crowned with success, the fault is not entirely that of the teacher. The scholars are few in number, and, for the most part, there has seemed to be little interest felt, either on the part of parents or children, to see that they were punctual in their attendance, (a remark not intended to apply to those in delicate health, to whom constant application would be hazardous); the results of which have been discouraging to the teacher, and conducive to anything but the advancement of the pupils in their studies. In spite of discouragements, however, the school, during the year, presents individual instances of excellent progress on the part of scholars, and the class seeking admission to the Intermediate Department made a very creditable appearance at the closing examination.

WEST PRIMARY.

During the Summer and Fall terms this school was taught by Miss EMMA R. NASH, who has maintained her

reputation as an efficient and successful teacher. Miss N., however, having received a call elsewhere, the Committee placed Miss GEORGIA KEITH in charge of the school, who has brought to her work energy, tact, good sense, and experience. She has been successful in winning and holding the little minds committed to her care, making the scholars wide awake and busy workers.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

In pursuance of the plan inaugurated at the organization of the present Board of School Committee two years since, to put the several school-houses in the town in such condition as to make them convenient and attractive to the scholars, with as little expense as possible to the town, your committee have, during the past year, remodeled and painted the Primary School-room in Elmwood, introduced new desks and seats in place of the wooden benches, and the room has been made, in all respects, acceptable to teacher and scholars.

The Intermediate school-room, in the same building, has been provided with new settees and other furniture, and both rooms are now in as good condition as they can well be made, while retaining their present proportions. The walls of this house are some fifteen feet in height, — four feet higher than our largest school-rooms, — which gives for each room an area, required neither for comfort or ventilation, that makes it very difficult to keep them comfortable, even in moderately cold weather. Add to

this the fact that the chimney is of such imperfect construction as to make the burning of ordinary Anthracite coal impracticable, and the large annual expense for fuel and heating apparatus for these school-rooms is accounted for. The Committee recommend either to lower the ceilings and reduce the walls of these rooms to reasonable dimensions, or the construction of a chimney of sufficient capacity to allow the rooms to be made comfortable during the extreme cold weather.

The East Primary house, located in the rear of a church and in front of a graveyard, has been provided with a new floor; new desks and seats have been furnished in place of the awkward and uncomfortable benches of the past, capable of accommodating a larger number of scholars than have attended there during the last few years, and with a coat of paint this house may be made as cheerful as is consistent with its melancholy surroundings.

The house in that part of the Town hitherto known as the "Curtis District," has been furnished with a new floor, the improvements commenced last year have been completed, a commodious wood-shed has been erected, and the house is now in good condition to accommodate a larger number of scholars than will be likely to require school accommodations in that section of the town.

In the house on Union street, a new floor has also been found necessary, and new accommodations have been provided to meet the wants of additional scholars,

the grade of this school having been raised to that of our "mixed schools." By the erection of a wood-shed to avoid the evil of storing fuel in the attic of the school-room, and the completion of the well for the supply of water for the scholars, this will be one of the most attractive school-rooms in the town.

To the school-house in Northville, blinds have been added, as suggested in our last Report, but the special appropriation for the purchase of land, grading a new yard and fencing the same, has not been expended, the Committee not having been able to purchase the requisite amount of land without paying the owners an unreasonable price, which would preclude us from completing the needed improvements, without an expenditure considerably in excess of the appropriation. Your Committee therefore recommend that the Selectmen be instructed to take the land and award the damage to the owners, as provided in Chap. 39 of the General Statutes.

The Committee have now to congratulate the five hundred and fifty children, who seek to acquire an education through the medium of that free school system which is the pride of our Commonwealth, that, through the generous sympathy of the people of our Town, the last vestige of the straight-backed wooden seats and plank benches which descended to them from the school architecture of the primitive ages has finally been removed, and seats and desks conducive to health, comfort and neatness, are now provided for all the school-rooms.

And our congratulations are due also to the tax-payers of the Town for a realization of the fact that within the last two years six of our thirteen school-rooms have been repaired, refitted and furnished with new furniture and other conveniences, besides adding twenty new desks and seats to the Centre Intermediate school-room, to accommodate the increased number of scholars — all of which has been accomplished at a cost to the Town of but about two thousand dollars, more than one-quarter of which has been expended in Northville, where the people had unanimously asked for a new school-house, but who are now satisfied that the best interests of the town, and of the school, justify your Committee in the course they have pursued. With a small appropriation to enable the Committee to erect wood-sheds for the Primary school-houses, and a little outlay annually for painting and other ordinary repairs, all the school property of the town may be kept in good condition for several years to come.

In the building occupied by the High and Centre Intermediate schools, in pursuance of the special appropriation by the Town, a considerable expenditure has been made, but the experience during a winter of unusual severity has proved that the change will secure greater economy in fuel, and contribute to the health and comfort of teachers and pupils. From the basement of the building the accumulated rubbish has been removed, ex-

cavations made to secure a cellar under that portion of the house supported by a stone foundation, and within a brick enclosure to protect the building from fire, a commodious furnace has been introduced, and the heat there generated is distributed throughout the house, securing a more uniform temperature than ever before, while the removal of four stoves and a hundred feet of smoke-pipe has added to the health, comfort and convenience of all the rooms. The amount of fuel consumed, thus far, has been less than for a corresponding period under the former method of heating. In the cellar, a water-pipe has been driven into pure spring water, and with a suitable pump the schools will have an ample supply of this necessary element, thus avoiding the annoyance and expense which has so long been a subject of complaint.

Of the grounds surrounding the building we can only wish that some plan may be devised to make them more attractive, and in better keeping with the respectable character of the house. The loose gravelly sand, of which the surface of this play-ground for two hundred children is composed, has neither beauty, fertility nor usefulness to recommend it, while every considerable rain precipitates a portion of it upon the premises of the Old Colony Railroad, and every such excavation leaves the school-grounds more uninviting to the passing traveller than before. If these grounds were graded on the south-east slope by a series of terraces or offsets, properly grassed up and planted with trees, the rapid displacement

of the surface by water would at once be arrested, and in a few years the present sterile exterior would be replaced by one of fertility and beauty,—a consideration as necessary in the education of children as any other acquirement. Without recommendation, your Committee leave this matter to the natural impulses of our fellow citizens, whose generous contributions to the cause of education commend them to the gratitude of the children and youth, and as well to the people who thus attest their appreciation of the fact that education is the safest and most economical preventive of crime.

ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL.

Of all the hindrances to success there is nothing more serious or perplexing than the irregular attendance of scholars during the sessions of our schools. Truancy is an evil which legislators and school committees have made a special study, but no tangible and effectual remedy has ever yet been devised. Laws have been enacted by which towns may provide by-laws, subject to the approval of our Courts, to punish those children who absent themselves from school, but regulations of this nature have generally been so stringent in their character, and have partaken so strongly of the nature of criminal enactments, that they have failed in their purpose. The reason for such failure has been that none of these efforts to prevent scholars from being absent from school strike at the root of the evil. The boy who from curiosity, or love of fun, loiters by the way, or glides away

upon the surface of some glassy mill-pond with his newly bought skates, until, oblivious of time, he forgets the bell of the school-room, is not to be excused ; but he is not half as culpable as the father of the boy, who from impecunious motives, some fancied error in school government, to gratify some whim of the boy, or from any other trivial cause, permits the boy, who is hardly supposed to have arrived at an age to know just what is best for him, to stay away from school. Evidences exist, all around us, where children, male and female, too ignorant to gain admission to our High school, and so large as to be ashamed to remain in classes comprised of scholars much smaller and younger than themselves, are perambulating our streets, term after term, — many of them apparently with “no visible means of support,” — and yet no satisfactory reason is ever given by the parents of those children, what crime they have committed that they must be deprived of the priceless inheritance which education alone can secure to them, to make them useful members of society. Nor does this evil stop here. The desks of our teachers are filled with laconic missives from indulgent parents, asking that *their* children may be excused, often from the moment of roll-call—never seeming to think that such excuse disarranges the standing of those scholars in their several classes, nor appearing to care if those scholars, who are never absent, are kept back in their studies, and thwarted in their laudable ambition for the

pursuit of knowledge, because the careless and indifferent would be *excused*.

The only remedy for the evils we have suggested is the adoption, by the legislature, of that "compulsory education" that has enabled Germany and Prussia to disseminate intelligence among their whole people, (which is the secret of their recent brilliant victories over ignorant, down-trodden France), and which is now engaging the attention of the friends of education everywhere. Enact those laws in Massachusetts, compel those parents, whose children have hardly mastered the first rudiments of common school instruction, but who are strolling about the street, or perhaps delving in some factory or workshop that the parents may put forth a little less exertion themselves, to keep their children in school, half the year at least, and the number of candidates for our prisons and work-houses will be diminished, and society will profit by the change.

In striking contrast with this misguided premium for indolence, and parental incentive to crime, your Committee would refer, in terms of commendation, not only to the scholars, but to the parents and guardians of those who, through sunshine and storm, during the year now closing, have been ever at the post of duty. In all our schools the record, "neither absent nor tardy" is apparent, but more especially is it conspicuous in our High school, where neither miles of distance, nor mountains of snow, have been permitted to efface this *Roll of Honor*.

To all who have contributed to this result, more than a parting word of praise is due. Hon. George F. Hoar, in an address recently, said, "there is not a power vested by the Constitution either in the Congress or the people, towards the exercise and accomplishment of which the education of the people is not the surest, the most direct, and the cheapest way." To the boys and girls of to-day will very soon be committed the destinies of our town, and of the country; and it is the province of our public schools to fit them for the discharge of those duties. That the importance of these schools is appreciated has been fully attested by the work of the past year.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

The principal text books in our schools have been in use for many years, and in some respects have long since outlived their usefulness. Especially is this the case with regard to the series of Readers which have been superseded by books more modern in their arrangements. But the statutes provide that when the books of a town are changed by the committee, the first expense of such change shall be incurred by the town, and the Committee have decided not to make this change at present. In the matter of Geographies a change has been made by the unanimous concurrence of the Committee. Guiot's series of geographies, which have been in use in all our schools, consists of six books, commencing with the "elementary" and progressing to the "Teacher's Edi-

tion," costing to each scholar who has the entire series, \$5.80. In the hands of competent teachers, Guiot's Geography is an excellent work, but for a teacher unskilled in framing questions, a knowledge of our world would hardly ever be obtained; while the scholar, wading through whole pages of prosy descriptions, becomes lost in a labyrinth of words, and gains little knowledge of the subject; and in the time allotted to the attendants upon our district schools he would never be able to wade through the entire series.

In "Warren's Geographies," which are in use in the schools of Boston, Providence, New Bedford, Fall River, Bridgewater, and hundreds of other cities and towns in New England, all there is of "Common School Geography" is condensed in two volumes, costing respectively 75 cents and \$1.88, and the scholar is enabled to understand the study as the lessons advance, and soon becomes interested in his work. The change from Guiot's series to Warren's has been effected without drawing upon the appropriation by the town, and the allowance from the school fund by the State Board of Education to be expended for school books and school apparatus, will be sufficient to pay for the exchange, so that each scholar has a new book for his or her old one, without drawing from our town treasury to pay the difference.

PAY OF TEACHERS.

A reference to our financial report will show that in several instances we have been compelled to advance the pay of our teachers over that of the preceding year,—a necessity unanticipated when the appropriation for the year was made. These advances have been acceded to, not that our schools have been increasing in numbers, or that the task of teaching has become more irksome and laborious, but simply because the Committees in towns around us, and especially those of our nearest neighbors, are constantly seeking to entice away our best teachers, by offering them a compensation largely in advance of that for which they had stipulated to remain with us. Though this failure on the part of School Committees to observe that comity which obtains in every other department of business, is one neither to be fostered or commended, still the fact of its existence compels us to recognize it. A poor teacher is “dear at any price,” while those who are successful in their respective schools should be retained if consistent with a reasonable regard for our municipal exchequer. The history of the last few years affords the strongest proof that though *candidates* for the head of our school-rooms are multiplied with great rapidity, yet competent and successful teachers always find occupation at remunerative prices. It remains for the town to decide by their appropriations whether our schools in the future shall remain in the hands of compe-

tent teachers, or those of inferior qualifications, employed because they may be engaged at a low price.

RELATIVE COST OF SCHOOLS.

The constantly changing condition of our population has produced a corresponding change in our schools, for which some remedy must be provided. The two schools in Elmwood village have steadily diminished in numbers, from 98 scholars in 1865, to but little more than half that number, thus making the cost per scholar of supporting two schools in the same building more than double that of some of the other schools ; and a similar disparity exists in other sections of the town. This is one of the fruits resulting from the abolition of the School District system by our Legislature, but as such abolition is believed to be fraught with advantages to the whole people,—by disseminating education equally alike to the rich and the poor, in whatever section of the town it may be their fortune to live,—more than compensating for any disadvantages, this relative difference in the cost of our schools must be adjusted in some way which will be satisfactory to parents and scholars.

THE GENERAL RESULT.

In spite of all obstacles, however, your Committee are confident that upon a review of the work of the year the result is one of more than ordinary satisfaction. The attendance in most of our schools has been above the av-

erage of former years, (a larger number having attended school than the Assessors report between the ages of five and fifteen years in the town,) the record of deportment indicates an increasing interest of the pupils in the decorum and success of their respective schools, and, on the part of teachers and parents, there has been manifested a disposition to act in harmonious concert, to the end that there might be realized "the greatest good of the greatest number." There is, indeed, "no royal road to learning," but the acquisition of knowledge is a plant of such moderate growth that it requires the fostering care and home influence of parents to make the efforts of teachers successful, and to inculcate in scholars an interest in their daily tasks. In vain the generous appropriations of our people,—the cheerful, well-appointed school-rooms are all in vain, if there is withheld from the scholar that generous sympathy of the parent, which is as necessary to the intellectual development of the child as is the sunshine of heaven to perfect the productions of the material world. But let those influences which inspire industry, confidence, and hope for success, be thrown around the pupil by those to whom the child looks with confidence for such encouragement, and there will be inscribed in letters of gold upon the banner of those scholars :

"There's no such word as *fail*."

By order of the School Committee.

MOSES BATES, *Chairman*.

BAALIS SANFORD. *Secretary*.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, March 1, 1873.

TREASURER OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S FINANCIAL REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1872,	\$167 33
Appropriation by Town for schools,	5,000 00
“ “ “ for school inci-	
dentials,	600 00
Appropriation by town for repairing and refitting school-houses,	1,000 00
Appropriation by town for land and grad- ing at Northville,	100 00
Appropriation by town for grading, fenc- ing, water, &c.,	300 00
Appropriation by town for heating appar- atus for High and Intermediate school-rooms,	350 00
Received of town of West Bridgewater for tuition of scholars,	230 00
Received of town of West Bridgewater for geographies for scholars,	6 04
Received of Northville school, refunded on books furnished,	6 43
Received of County Treasurer, refunded on dog licenses,,	200 18
Received moiety Mass. school fund,	205 71
Total available amount,	\$8,165 69

AMOUNTS EXPENDED.

REPAIRING AND REFITTING SCHOOL-HOUSES.

HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ROOMS.

Paid Willard Johnson, hardware and re-		
pairs,	\$16 37	
Old Colony Brick Co., for bricks,...	22 00	
David Tower, Jr., for labor,	24 00	
John M. Whiting, mason work,	35 45	
Harlow Harden, carpenter work, ...	23 25	
H. A. Grow, painting and glazing, ..	2 75	
W. G. Shattuck, school furniture, ..	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$131 82

EAST PRIMARY.

Paid Pratt & Company, for lumber,	\$35 00	
Old Colony Railroad, freight,	4 61	
J. M. Whiting, whitening,	1 00	
W. G. Shattuck, school furniture, ..	160 98	
J. L. Hammett, liquid slating,	3 00	
Ezra T. Fuller, carpenter work and		
trucking,	12 35	
S. R. Newhall, carpenter work,	9 00	
Isadus Fuller, carpenter work,	9 00	
Willard Johnson, for nails,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$236 94

CURTIS SCHOOL.

Paid Pratt & Company, for lumber,	\$30 00	
Old Colony Railroad, freight,	5 17	
G. W. Harden, carpenter work and		
trucking,	29 87	
W. Johnson, nails,	2 00	
W. G. Shattuck, school furniture, ..	8 46	
G. W. Harden, building wood-shed, ..	75 23	
	<hr/>	\$150 73

ELMWOOD PRIMARY.

Paid J. E. Davenport, for painting, . . .	\$29 87	
John M. Whiting, mason work, . . .	4 00	
J. L. Hammett, liquid slating,	3 00	
E. T. Fuller, carpenter work and trucking,	5 25	
S. R. Newhall, carpenter work, . . .	4 50	
Isadus Fuller, carpenter work,	4 50	
Old Colony Railroad, freight,	5 71	
W. G. Shattuck, school furniture, . .	216 43	
Willard Johnson, hardware,	1 55	
	<hr/>	\$274 71

UNION STREET.

Paid Pratt & Company, for lumber,	\$40 00	
Old Colony Railroad, freight,	3 00	
J. M. Whiting, mason work,	6 00	
E. T. Fuller, carpenter work and trucking,	12 25	
S. R. Newhall, carpenter work,	9 10	
Isadus Fuller, carpenter work,	9 00	
W. Johnson, nails,	2 00	
J. L. Hammett, liquid slating,	3 00	
I. N. Nutter, paper hangings,	2 40	
H. A. Grow, painting and paper hanging,	22 17	
W. G. Shattuck, school furniture, . .	16 24	
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ELMWOOD INTERMEDIATE.

Paid W. G. Shattuck, settees, &c.,	\$11 53	
Enoch Freeman, lumber and build- ing coal bin,	3 98	
	<hr/>	\$15 51

NORTHVILLE.

Paid Cutter & Parker, for blinds and trimmings,	\$11 27	
Sampson's Express on blinds and trimmings,	90	
J. E. Waterman, trucking,.....	1 00	
H. A. Grow, painting.....	9 00	
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WEST PRIMARY.

Paid H. A. Grow, for glazing,.....	\$0 30	\$0 30
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RECAPITULATION.

Paid on High and Intermediate school property,.....	\$131 82	
on East Primary school property,...	236 94	
on Curtis School property.....	150 73	
on Elmwood Intermediate and Primary school property,.....	290 22	
on Union Street school property,...	125 16	
on Northville school property,.....	22 17	
on West Primary school property,..	30	
	<hr/>	\$951 34
Less than appropriation, \$41.66.		

GRADING AND WATER SUPPLY.

High School Grounds.

Paid David Tower for labor.....	\$11 00	
Patrick Shehan for labor.....	26 00	
David Shehan for labor.....	5 00	
Timothy Murphy for labor.....	18 00	
David Roach, team work	37 00	
M. Bates for labor and money paid.	10 61	
	<hr/>	\$107 61

Water Supply.

Paid Walworth Man'f'g Co., pipe, pump, &c.....	\$44 36	
Harwood's Express on do.....	1 80	
Thomas H. Clark, carpenter work, &c.....	8 25	
Patrick Shehan, labor.....	8 00	
Timothy Murphy, labor.....	10 00	
M. Bates, driving well-pipe, fitting pump, &c... ..	12 00	
Edwin Hayward, well Union St....	24 98	
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		\$217 00
Less than appropriation, \$83.00.		

HEATING APPARATUS.

Paid William Johnson for furnace, pipes and fixtures in High and Inter- mediate school-rooms.....	\$419 38	
Less stoves and pipe taken away by agree- ment.....	86 12	
	<hr/>	\$333 26
Less than appropriation, \$16.74.		

SCHOOLING IN OTHER TOWNS.

Paid Town of North Bridgewater for schooling of children of E. Y. Hayward for 1871-2.....	\$16 00	
Town of N. Bridgewater, for child- ren of Orlando Alger.....	24 00	
Town of Halifax, child of C. Monroe	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$45 00

No appropriation.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid W. C. Fickett, Principal, 40 weeks..	\$1,050 00	
Miss Florence A. Jenkins, Assistant	480 00	
East Bridgewater Iron Co. for coal.	53 33	
John Hobart, for coal.....	5 50	
T. F. Wood, charcoal.....	6 87	
Mrs. Patrick Barrett, cleaning and sweeping	23 25	
Willie C. Woodward, care of fires..	5 00	
Preston G. Edson, care of fires....	4 75	
Willie C. Sampson, procuring water,	1 20	
Fred. L. Benson, procuring water, &c.	1 40	
Joseph Shaw, care of furnace	9 50	
J. L. Hammett, School Registers...	1 04	
Jarvis Burrill, printing.....	12 50	
Rogers & Sheldon, labor of men...	4 75	
Willard Johnson, duster.....	85	
	<hr/>	\$1,659 94

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

Paid C. H. Dunbar, Principal, 35 weeks.	\$525 00	
Georgia Keith, Assistant, 24 weeks.	144 00	
Etta K. Johnson, do., 11 weeks....	66 00	
E. Bridgewater Iron Co., for coal..	32 25	
John Hobart, for coal.....	5 50	
T. F. Wood, charcoal.....	6 87	
Mrs. Barrett, cleaning and sweeping	19 75	
Archie Woodward, care of room...	5 00	
Michael Crowley, care of room.....	1 50	
Bennie Alden, making fires.....	1 00	
Joseph Shaw, care of furnace.....	5 50	
Willard Johnson, repairing stoves..	3 20	
Rogers & Sheldon, labor of men...	2 75	
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BEAVER SCHOOL.

Paid Ella F. Churchill, principal, 14 w'ks	\$112 00	
Hattie E. Allen, principal, 21 weeks	168 00	
Julia A. Whitman, assistant, 35 w'ks	152 00	
John H. Doody, care of house.....	13 00	
Sammy Keith, care of house.....	5 50	
Henry Gurney, for wood....	41 50	
Francis Hayward, preparing same..	16 90	
Francis Hayward, repairs on house.	9 17	
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ELMWOOD INTERMEDIATE.

Paid Mary S. Perkins, balance of 1871-2	\$5 00	
Hattie A. Cobb, teaching 35 weeks.	328 00	
Hattie A. Cobb. care of room, &c..	10 75	
A. L. Alger, for coal ..	30 44	
W. Johnson, repairs on stove and pipe.....	12 78	
Ann Winn, cleaning.....	1 75	
O. R. Perry, repairs.....	67	
W. K. Churchill, brooms.....	80	
Willie Holmes, sweeping.....	1 00	
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WEST CROOK.

Paid Fannie Reed, teaching 35 weeks...	\$280 00	
Fannie Reed, care of room 24 weeks	6 00	
Hermon S. Porter, do. 11 weeks....	3 50	
Mary Russell, cleaning.....	3 00	
Henry Gurney, wood and preparing the same.....	19 55	
Henry Gurney, repairing stove.....	1 00	
Henry Gurney, grading.....	6 50	
W. Johnson, repairing stove, &c....	3 50	
Charles E. Cole, balance 1871-2....	25	
		<hr/> \$323 30

NORTHVILLE.

Paid Julia B. White, teaching 35 weeks..	\$280 00	
Julia B. White, care of house.....	10 25	
Julia B. White, repairs and cleaning	1 50	
Mrs. Lizzie E. Reed, cleaning.....	3 00	
W. Johnson, repairs on stove.....	5 50	
Henry Gurney, wood....	4 00	
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		\$304 25

EASTVILLE.

Paid Mary J. Curran, teaching 35 weeks.	\$280 00	
E. S. Whitmarsh Jr., care of house.	9 25	
Geo. W. Harden, wood and prepar- ing same.....	24 75	
Order drawn for cleaning house....	1 50	
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		\$315 50

CURTIS SCHOOL.

Paid Anna Wheeler, teaching 35 weeks..	\$268 50	
Anna Wheeler, care of house.....	6 50	
Geo. W. Harden, wood, wood-box, sawing, &c.....	25 75	
W. Johnson, repairs on stove.....	4 70	
Frank L. Howland, care of room...	2 50	
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		\$307 95

SATUCKET.

Paid Charlotte E. Hammond, teaching 23 weeks.....	\$184 00	
Emma R. Nash, teaching 12 weeks.	102 00	
Everett D. Brown, care of house...	6 00	
William Bottomore, care of house..	3 50	
Geo. W. Harden, wood and prepar- ing same.....	24 75	
John H. Hathaway, cleaning and repairs,	5 43	
Willard Johnson, repairs.....	2 90	
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		\$328 58

UNION STREET.

Paid Dora P. Stuart, for teaching 11 weeks,	\$88 00	
S. Addie Trow, for teaching 12 weeks.	96 00	
Anna C. French, teaching 12 weeks,	96 00	
Mary Lyons, care of house,	5 75	
Jerry Reardon, care of house,	3 50	
Henry Gurney, for wood,	21 00	
Enoch Freeman, preparing wood, ..	6 75	
Mrs. M. O'Brien, cleaning,	50	
W. Johnson, repairing stove and duster,	4 44	
C. Homer Sandford, shavings,	50	
	<hr/>	\$322 44

ELMWOOD PRIMARY.

Paid Mary C. Pratt, teaching 35 week, ..	\$286 00	
Mary C. Pratt, care of room,	4 00	
William Parker, care of room,	3 50	
Henry Hudson, care of room,	1 00	
Mark P. Hudson, wood,	34 00	
Mark P. Hudson, gravel,	50	
Enoch Freeman, preparing fuel,	11 25	
Samuel Keen, shavings,	60	
W. Johnson, repairs on stove and funnel,	12 30	
Mrs. Winn, cleaning,	1 50	
Chas. Thompson, repairs,	40	
O. B. Perry, repairs,	4 00	
Lambert Brothers,	4 80	
	<hr/>	\$363 85

EAST PRIMARY.

Paid Alice M. Edson, teaching 35 weeks,	\$245 00	
Alice M. Edson, care of house,.....	5 75	
James Roach, care of house,.....	3 50	
Samuel F. White, shavings,.....	40	
Geo. W. Harden, fuel,.....	24 75	
Mrs. O'Brien, cleaning,.....	50	
W. Johnson, repairs of stove, dust pan, &c.,	3 83	
	<hr/>	\$283 73

WEST PRIMARY.

Paid Emma R. Nash, teaching 23 weeks,	\$167 00	
Georgia Keith, teaching 12 weeks,..	84 00	
C. Homer Sanford, care of house,.	3 50	
Chas. C. Wing, care of house,.....	3 00	
J. Edward Waterman, care house,	2 75	
Henry Gurney, fuel,.....	13 00	
C. H. Sanford, preparing fuel,.....	4 75	
Enoch Freeman, preparing wood,..	1 35	
Mrs. Roach, cleaning,.....	2 00	
W. Johnson, dust-pan and hardware,	57	
John H. Waterman, repairing lock,	75	
	<hr/>	\$282 67

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid L. F. Lawrence & Co., for ink,.....	\$13 50	
J. L. Hammett, crayons,	19 00	
J. L. Hammett, erasers,.....	14 00	
J. L. Hammett, ink and mucilage,..	5 00	
J. L. Hammett, Tracy's records and globe,	4 41	
<i>Amount brought foward</i>	<hr/>	\$55 91

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$55 91	
Daniel Cunnings, brooms,	8 00	
I. N. Nutter, books for indigent scholars and desks,	38 43	
W. C. Fickett, cash paid for books,	4 65	
Jarvis Burrell, printing notices,	2 75	
A. M. Lunt, printing notices,	1 50	
Sampson's Express, sundry bills,	2 50	
Harwood's Express, sundry bills,	10 00	
W. Johnson, sundry repairs,	3 40	
J. Waterman, trucking and horse hire,	11 25	
Alfred Griffin, carrying teachers and horse hire,	4 50	
James Rollins, glazing in sundry house,	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$150 39

TRIAL BALANCE.

TREASURER OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN
OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

Dr.

Appropriations for Schools,	\$5,000 00	
Appropriations for school incidentals, . . .	600 00	
Appropriations for repairing and refitting school-houses,	1,000 00	
Special appropriations,	750 00	
Received of County Treasurer,	200 18	
Massachusetts school fund, . . .	205 71	
West Bridgewater,	236 04	
Refunded on books,	6 43	
Balance unexpended March 1, 1872,	167 33	
		<hr/> \$8,165 69

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Paid Salaries of teachers,	\$5,486 00	
Cost of fuel and school incidentals,	733 79	
Miscellaneous expenses,	150 38	
Repairing and refitting school houses, . . .	957 34	
Grading and water supply,	217 00	
Heating apparatus High school building, . .	233 26	
Paid tuition of scholars in other towns, . .	45 00	
Orders paid by town Treasurer,		7,922 78
Balance unexpended,		242 91
		<hr/> \$8,165 69

AUDITORS' REPORT.

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and find the items thereof properly entered and vouched for.

J. W. KENNAN, }
I. N. NUTTER, } *Auditors.*

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 28, 1873.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1872-3.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL.	Number of Pupils.			Average Attendance.			Percentage of Average Attendance.			No. under 5 yrs. of age.	No. over 15 yrs. of age.	Length of School in weeks.			Length of school during the year in weeks.
	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.			Sum.	Fall.	Win.	
High School, - - - - -	72	60	60	68	58.5	57.5	96	95	96	95.66	24	11	14	15	40
Centre Intermediate, - - - - -	76	72	69	64	60.8	55.5	84	84.5	80.5	83	3	11	13	11	35
Elmwood Intermediate, - - - - -	26	20	22	24	18	20	95	94	93	94	-	11	12	12	35
Elmwood Primary, - - - - -	34	35	30	29	30	25	87	90	82	86	-	11	12	12	35
Beaver, - - - - -	62	57	51	54	51	41	88	90	82	86	3	11	10	14	35
Curtis, - - - - -	19	15	22	16	12	14	85	85	83	84	5	11	12	12	35
Satucket, - - - - -	20	18	17	15	14	13	79	79	91	83	1	11	12	12	35
Eastville, - - - - -	25	26	25	23	22	20	92	85	80	85	-	11	12	12	35
West Crook, - - - - -	36	36	36	30	31	26	83	87	73	81	1	11	13	11	35
Union Street, - - - - -	53	43	48	43	32	36	81	76	75	77	-	11	12	12	35
Northville, - - - - -	33	34	39	28	27	34	85	86	90	87	1	10	12	13	35
West Primary, - - - - -	44	49	54	34	43	41	78	88	77	81	5	11	12	12	35
East Primary, - - - - -	26	27	26	22	21	19	86	81	73	80	-	11	12	12	35

LIST OF PUNCTUAL SCHOLARS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Not absent :

Charles H. Keith, Bradford Allen, B. Warren Bennett, Preston G. Edson, W. L. Benson, Frank O. Keith, Quincy C. Bird, Howard Paine, Alice C. Newhall, Ina L. Burrell, Anna W. Harden, Susan E. Hall, Pauline M. Keith, Isabel F. Nash, Kate L. Mahoney, Edith Paine, Ellen B. Perry, M. Anna Reed, Isabella C. Kingman, Nellie J. Standish, Emma L. Richards, Florence M. Trow, Willie C. Sampson, Frank Young, Agnes K. Littlefield, Herbert E. Pratt, Addie M. Thayer, Vernon H. Whitman, Grace L. Swallow, Fannie M. Gurney, Marcia A. Edson, Florence Harris, Ellen M. Roach, Lizzie E. Jones, Bethia S. Keith, Huldah M. Kingman.

Not absent since joining school :

Clarence D. Lincoln, Albert B. Sampson.

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

Not absent :

SUMMER TERM—Lizzie Clark, Lucy Field, Sarah Flynn, Minnie Noonan, Thomas O'Brien, Arthur Waterman, Mary Fuller, Nettie Freeman, Alice Goss, Mary Flynn, John Donahue, James O'Brien, Archie Woodward, Frank Mitchell, Freddie Fuller, Lucy Kingman, Phida Keith, Edith Hale.

FALL TERM—Mary Fuller, Lucy Kingman, Michael Crowley, Freddie Fuller, Arthur Freeman, James O'Brien, Archie Woodward, Harry Young, Cora Standish, Lottie Voigt, Elmer Wright.

WINTER TERM—Lizzie Clark, James Cooper, Arthur Freeman, Frank Gardner, Sammie Keith, James O'Brien, John Waterman, Elmer Wright, Lottie Voigt, Alphonzo Wright.

FOR YEAR—Ruth Tower, Archie Woodward.

ELMWOOD INTERMEDIATE.

Neither absent nor tardy :

SUMMER TERM—Eva Hudson, Lora Kingman, Minnie V. Reed, Charity E. Soule.

FALL TERM—Henry G. Field, Lulu Kingman, Hollie H. Scribner.

WINTER TERM—Henry G. Field, Eva Hudson, Mary Kennan, Lora Kingman, Lulu Kingman.

FOR THE YEAR—Eddie Kingman, Isabel Paine, Fannie Kingman.

ELMWOOD PRIMARY.

Neither absent nor tardy:

SUMMER TERM—Alice E. Pope, Mary W. Shaw.

FALL TERM—Mary L. Keith, Arthur G. Knapp, Flora A. Luzarder, Sarah M. Scribner, Alden S. West, Chester S. Leonard, Albert Tilden.

FOR YEAR—James Kingman, Harry N. Keith.

BEAVER.

Neither absent nor tardy:

Francis Richards, Polly Hayward, Nellie Lincoln, Mary Welch, Katie Doody, Susie Soper, Etta Lyon, Willie Whitman, Arthur Webber, Frank O. Keith.

FALL TERM—Etta Lyon, Lizzie Richards, Bela Hayward, Katie Doody, Nellie Tirrell.

WINTER TERM—Fannie Richards, Lizzie Richards, Sammie Keith, Arthur Willis.

FOR THE YEAR—Abbie Littlefield, Charles Littlefield, Baalis S. Littlefield.

CURTIS.

Not absent:

SUMMER TERM—Celia W. Gurney, Carrie K. Vosmus, Hannah A. Vosmus, Adna K. Howland, Joseph H. Howland, John A. Sampson.

FOR THE YEAR—Adna K. Howland.

SATUCKET.

Neither absent nor tardy:

WINTER TERM—Freddie M. Wade.

EASTVILLE.

Neither absent nor tardy:

SUMMER TERM—Hattie L. Vaughn, Walter E. Vaughn, Willis S. Washburn, Eddie A. Porter, Jennie L. Copeland, Lucy M. Copeland, Ellen T. Sturtevant, Hattie F. Whitmarsh, Mary J. Whitmarsh.

FALL TERM—Eddie L. Churchill, Herbert L. Vaughn.

WINTER TERM—Eddie L. Churchill, Jennie L. Copeland, Levi P. Churchill, Lucy M. Copeland, Clarence W. Lyon, Ellen T. Sturtevant, Willie S. Washburn, Hattie M. Underwood, E. Scott Whitmarsh, Jr., Hattie F. Whitmarsh, Mary J. Whitmarsh.

WEST CROOK.

Scholars not absent:

SUMMER TERM—George W. Noyes, Herman S. Porter, Asa C. Reed, Mary E. Cole, Effie M. Edes, Jennie Whitman.

FALL TERM—Charles A. Cook, Walter L. Costello, Emma Edes.

WINTER TERM—Charles A. Cook, Josie D. Cook, Walter L. Costello, Edwin W. Edes, Peleg Stetson, Effie M. Edes.

FOR YEAR—William H. Bates, Herman S. Porter, Agnes C. Gurney, Elsie Libbey, Minnie A. Cook.

UNION STREET.

Scholars neither absent nor tardy:

SUMMER TERM—George Trow, Mary Trow, Michael Lyons, Warren Wentworth Eldon Smith, Mary Lyons, Mary Perry, Addie Woodward, Nellie Wentworth.

FALL TERM—Mary Gallagher.

FOR THE YEAR—George Trow, Mary Trow.

NORTHVILLE.

Not absent for year:

Henry Aldrich, Calvin Chamberlain, Julia Hall.

SUMMER TERM—John Chamberlain, Willie Chamberlain, Tom Drake, Tim Drake, John Wade, Susie Harding, Alice Humble, Edith Reed.

FALL TERM—Ellie Ramsdell, Henry Sampson, Lyla Reed.

WINTER TERM—Arthur Brown, Robert Wilder.

WEST PRIMARY.

Not absent:

SUMMER TERM—Charles C. Wing, John Gorman, Maurice Hennesey, Mary Campell.

FALL TERM—Charles D. Waterman, Cora J. Ripley, Mary Clarity.

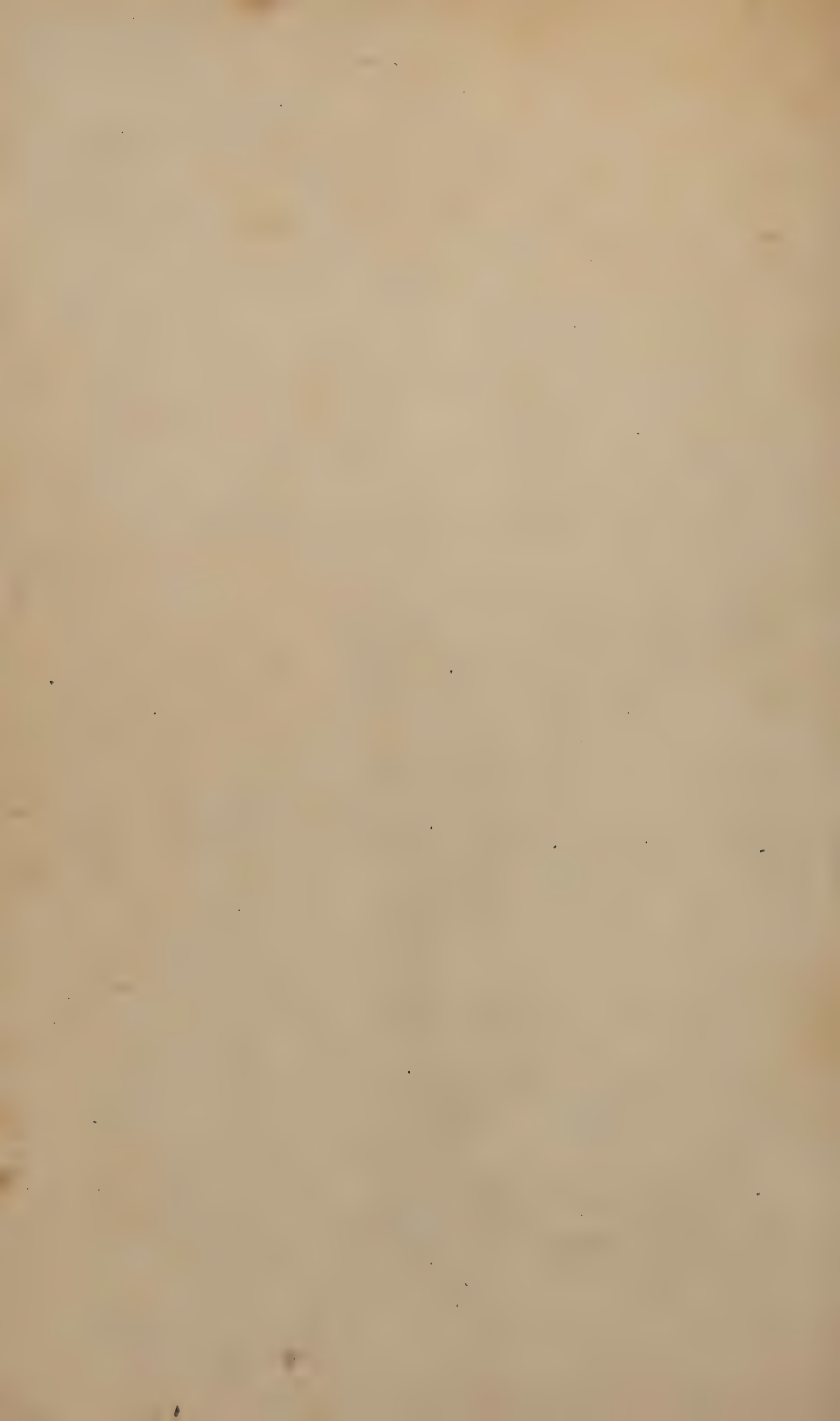
WINTER TERM—John Barton, John Gorman, Willie Gorman, Mary Clarity, Bridget Clarity.

FOR THE YEAR—Lucius T. Freeman.

EAST PRIMARY.

SUMMER TERM—Nettie Worcester, Mary Worcester, Maria Fuller.

WINTER TERM—Ella Norris.



THE ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

—FOR THE—

Financial Year ending Feb. 1, 1874

PLYMOUTH:

AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK & JOB PRINTERS,
CORNER OF COURT AND NORTH STREETS.

1874.

TOWN OFFICERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, 1873.

TOWN CLERK.

JACOB A. ROGERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

COLLECTOR.

EZRA S. WHITMARSH.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

JACOB A. ROGERS, ELIAB LATHAM, GEORGE A. WHEELER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

AUSTIN DODGE, EZRA KINGMAN, ASA T. WHITMAN, for 3 years.
FRANKLIN KEITH, HENRY GURNEY, GEO. W. HARDEN, for 2 years.
BAALIS SANFORD, WYMAN C. FICKETT, JARVIS BURRILL, for 1 year.

AUDITORS.

WILLAM ALLEN, JOHN W. KENNON, EDMUND W. NUTTER.

CONSTABLES.

SIDNEY PACKARD, BENJAMIN SIDDALL, JOHN H. SCRIBNER.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

District No.	1.	John Lane.	District No.	11.	Sears R. Frost.
" "	2.	Henry Gurney.	" "	12.	Henry G. Hill.
" "	3.	Charles H. Goss.	" "	13.	Reuben Harden.
" "	4.	Ebenezer Tisdale.	" "	14.	A. Harris Latham.
" "	5.	Francis Hayward.	" "	15.	Cyrus Munroe.
" "	6.	Charles Bates.	" "	16.	Luther Churchill.
" "	7.	Albert D. Wheeler.	" "	17.	Joseph Morse.
" "	8.	William Ramsdell.	" "	18.	William Lincoln.
" "	9.	Ezra Whitmarsh.	" "	19.	John Waterman.
" "	10.	Charles Thrasher.			

POUND KEEPER.

ALLEN WASHBURN.

FENCE VIEWERS.

ISAAC HATCH, FRANCIS HAYWARD.

FIELD DRIVERS.

ALLEN WASHBURN, JOHN H. HATHAWAY, ARTHUR HARRIS.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

LUCIUS BONNEY, WADSWORTH PHILLIPS, EZRA T. FULLER.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

GEORGE W. ALLEN, HARLOW HARDEN.

PUBLIC WEIGHERS.

JOHN E. WATERMAN, CHARLES H. EDSON.

FIREWARD.

HENRY A. GROW.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. GROW.

SEXTON.

SIDNEY PACKARD.

Report of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen of East Bridgewater hereby submit the Annual Report of the Financial condition of the Town, with the Receipts and Expenditures, from February 1, 1873, to February 1, 1874.

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEB. 1, 1873, TO FEB. 1, 1874.

Eunice S. Bryant.....	\$48 00	Eldridge Winsor.....	\$72 00
Harriett Eddy.....	48 00	Charles L. Jones.....	72 00
Sarah B. Gould.....	48 00	Deborah O. Jones.....	48 00
Sarah C. Hudson.....	96 00	Rebecca M. Mansfield.....	48 00
Susan E. Hall.....	96 00	Sophronia Carter.....	48 00
Betsey A. Hale.....	48 00	Lydia P. Osberne.....	96 00
Mary Hudson.....	48 00	Harriet S. Packard.....	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter.....	48 00	Eliza F. Dyer.....	48 00
Jeremiah Reardon.....	48 00		
William Reardon.....	48 00		\$1,296 00
Mary S. Ripley.....	48 00	Amount paid in January 1873,	108 00
Lydia A. Sylvester.....	48 00		
Thankful O. Trow.....	48 00		\$1,404 00
Rachel B. Underwood.....	96 00		

HIGHWAYS.

Amount assigned to the several highway districts, and persons in whose favor orders have been drawn for labor, under the direction of the Highway Surveyors, and for materials for highways.

No. 1.		No. 4.	
JOHN LANE, <i>Surveyor</i> .		EBENEZER TISDALE, <i>Surveyor</i> .	
Amount assigned.....	\$140 00	Amount assigned.....	\$140 00
John Lane.....	92 69	Ebenezer Tisdale.....	79 49
N. Southworth.....	12 25	B. French.....	19 50
A. Hobart, Jr.,.....	18 00	John Dean.....	17 00
Rogers & Sheldon.....	6 90	Waldo Hayward.....	14 00
A. K. Benson.....	4 00	Levi T. Gurney.....	8 85
P. Keif.....	4 00	Alpheus Gurney.....	2 79
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	\$134 94		\$141 63
Unexpended	5 06	Over appropriation.....	1 63
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	\$140 00		\$140 00
No. 2.		No. 5.	
HENRY GURNEY, <i>Surveyor</i> .		FRANCIS HAYWARD, <i>Surveyor</i> .	
Amount assigned.....	\$200 00	Amount assigned.....	\$70 00
Henry Gurney.....	90 90	Francis Hayward.....	39 94
John B. Thayer.....	23 00	Waldo Hayward.....	17 50
B. H. Fisher.....	19 00	Galen Allen.....	10 16
Eleazer Whitman.....	16 60	W. E. Whitman.....	2 40
F. M. Smith.....	42 00		<hr/>
A. H. Bonney.....	6 00		\$70 00
Josiah E. Noyes.....	2 50		
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	\$200 00		
No. 3.		No. 6.	
CHARLES H. GOSS, <i>Surveyor</i> .		CHARLES BATES, <i>Surveyor</i> .	
Amount assigned.....	\$80 00	Amount assigned.....	\$145 00
C. H. Goss.....	5 00	Charles Bates.....	31 50
Michael Noonan.....	20 00	F. Peterson.....	22 40
Patrick Noonan.....	15 00	Alfred Gurney.....	14 00
Horses and carts.....	40 00	Henry Reed.....	8 00
	<hr/>	L. T. Gurney.....	41 50
	\$80 00	E. Tisdale.....	1 15
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		Amount carried forward....	\$118 55

<i>Amount brought forward...</i>	<i>\$118 63</i>
Abner Lyon.....	2 00
L. Collins.....	8 75
Jacob Bates.....	4 80
Henry Gurney.....	8 40
Clarisa Stetson.....	2 50
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	\$145 00

No. 7.

ALBERT D. WHEELER, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned.....</i>	<i>\$70 00</i>
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Albert D. Wheeler.....	8 00
Emery Noyes.....	12 60
B. H. Fisher.....	4 80
A. T. Whitman.....	9 20
George A. Wheeler.....	1 80
Olpha Keene.....	12 00
Alfred Gurney.....	5 00
P. Foster.....	2 00
Franklin Keene.....	10 59
Henry Gurney.....	5 25
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	\$71 24
Over appropriation.....	1 24
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	\$70 00

No. 8.

WILLIAM RAMSDELL, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned.....</i>	<i>\$110 00</i>
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William Ramsdell.....	42 00
Ebenezer Whitmarsh.....	22 00
Addison Pratt.....	16 00
Oliver Pratt.....	8 00
Jasen Harden.....	8 00
Timothy Drake.....	4 00
John B. Brown.....	10 00
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	\$110 00

No. 9.

EZRA WHITMARSH, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned.....</i>	<i>\$140 00</i>
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Ezra Whitmarsh.....	38 00
Elbridge Lyon.....	28 00
S. G. Whitmarsh.....	12 50
Cephas A. Porter.....	13 10
Samuel Smith.....	3 00
Allen Washburn.....	45 40
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	\$140 00

No. 10.

CHARLES THRASHER, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned.....</i>	<i>\$105 00</i>
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Charles Thrasher.....	12 50
George W. Harden.....	51 23
William Keene.....	18 00
Luther Harden.....	9 00
Nathaniel Porter.....	6 00
Josiah Hathaway.....	4 50
Cyrus Thrasher.....	2 00
Blaney P. Beal.....	1 25
Wadsworth Phillips.....	1 00
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	\$106 13
Over appropriation.....	1 18
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	\$105 00

No. 11.

SEARS R. FROST, *Surveyor.*

<i>Amount assigned.....</i>	<i>\$100 00</i>
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Sears R. Frost.....	43 05
Elbridge G. Lyon.....	30 40
Jabez H. Sturtevant.....	19 70
Charles W. Raymond.....	4 00
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	\$100 15
Over appropriation.....	15
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	\$100 00

No. 12.

HENRY G. HILL, *Surveyor*.

Amount assigned.....	\$140 00
Henry G. Hill.....	77 25
Richard Thayer.....	3 00
George F. Keith.....	6 00
George Bryant.....	9 80
Silas Holbrook.....	2 00
Samuel J. Hoyt.....	20 00
Levi W. Noyes.....	14 80
William H. Soule.....	3 20
Warren K. Churchill.....	50
Robert Curtis.....	3 20
J. W. Soule.....	1 60
	\$141 35
Over appropriation.....	1 35
	\$140 00

No. 13.

REUBEN HARDEN, *Surveyor*.

Amount assigned.....	\$120 00
Reuben Harden.....	35 00
Galen Latham.....	16 30
Eliab Latham.....	20 50
C. W. Lincoln.....	2 00
Ruel A. Lincoln.....	4 00
Enoch Freeman.....	6 00
J. W. Harden.....	28 40
Stafford I. Keith.....	1 00
Benjamin N. Keene.....	1 00
Luther Harden.....	4 00
Timothy Mitchell.....	1 80
	\$120 00

No. 14.

A. HARRIS LATHAM, *Surveyor*.

Amount assigned.....	\$100 00
Reuben Harden & Son.....	4 00
E. Brooks Brown.....	4 00
N. Wade.....	3 00
Luther Harden.....	1 70
B. Donnelly.....	1 60
Charles Lincoln.....	1 00

Amount carried forward... \$15 30

Amount brought forward... \$15 30

Timothy Mitchell.....	19 50
Galen Latham.....	39 70
Charles A. Latham.....	8 50
Eliab Latham.....	15 00
Ephraim Hardy.....	2 00
	\$100 00

No. 15.

CYRUS MUNROE, *Surveyor*.

Amount assigned.....	\$50 00
Cyrus Munroe.....	33 75
Ethan Randall.....	7 00
William Sampson.....	7 00
Walter Munroe.....	3 50
	\$51 25
Over appropriation.....	1 25
	\$50 00

No. 16.

LUTHER CHURCHILL, *Surveyor*.

Amount assigned.....	\$40 00
Luther Churchill.....	16 75
Mercena A. Whitman.....	10 25
William V. West.....	6 00
Nathaniel Beal.....	4 00
Nahum Ramsdell.....	1 00
Francis L. Sturtevant.....	2 00
	\$40 00

No. 17.

JOSEPH MORSE, *Surveyor*.

Amount assigned.....	\$64 50
Joseph Morse.....	29 25
Waldo Hayward.....	8 00
Francis Hayward.....	8 00
Jotham Nute.....	4 00
B. S. Higgins.....	4 25
Sidney Allen.....	11 00
S. D. Shaw.....	1 41
J. M. Perrigo.....	1 26
	\$67 17
Over appropriation.....	2 67
	\$64 50

No. 18.

WILLIAM LINCOLN, *Surveyor*.

Amount assigned.....	\$80 00
William Lincoln	3 00
Michael Noonan	20 00
Patrick Noonan.....	12 00
Simeon Richmond.....	2 50
C. H. Goss	2 50
Two horses and carts, ten days.	40 00
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	\$80 00

No. 19.

JOHN WATERMAN, *Surveyor*.

Amount assigned.....	\$30 00
John Canney	11 80
David Roach.....	25 00
Men and teams furnished by Rogers & Sheldon.....	71 25
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	\$108 05
Over appropriation.....	18 05
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	\$90 00

Orders have been drawn in favor of the following persons for labor on roads and bridges, and for materials for the same, under the direction of the Selectmen :

Union Society, for gravel	\$12 00	Ebenezer Whitmarsh, land for gravel.....	\$25 00
Levi T. Gurney	21 95	Patrick Carroll.....	8 00
M. Jenkins.....	18 17	Wadsworth Phillips.....	9 84
Leonard Hill.....	13 05	Henry G. Hill.....	10 19
John Canney.....	15 00	Simeon G. Whitmarsh.....	2 00
M. P. Hudson.....	75	E. W. Barrows.....	7 80
A. D. Wheeler.....	15 95	William Reed	15 25
H. Lyon.....	20 00	Cephas A. Porter.....	8 00
Henry Gurney.....	43 40	Zenas W. Sturtevant.....	4 00
Calvin C. Greenlaw, Agt.....	1 50	Galen Latham.....	8 00
David Roach.....	4 75	Charles H. Goss.....	7 00
Estate of H. L. Mitchell.....	16 00	Luke Worcester.....	5 00
M. Jenkins.....	31 90	Allen Washburn.....	123 50
J. Hicks	3 20	Rogers & Sheldon, cinders	25 00
Zenas W. Sturtevant	9 00	Eliab Latham.....	79 55
David Tower.....	5 26		<hr/>
Carver Gin Co	34 97		\$623 88
Charles Thrasher.....	18 90		

REMOVING SNOW.

Orders have been drawn in favor of the following persons for removing snow under the direction of the several Highway Surveyors :

Henry Gurney.....	\$5 00	A. Harris Latham.....	\$10 50
Eleazer Whitman.....	1 25	David W. Gurney.....	4 00
Zenas W. Sturtevant.....	3 10	George W. Harden.....	27 50
Aaron Hobart, Jr.....	14 25	Leonard Hill.....	4 75
Cyrus Munroe.....	21 75	Sears R. Frost.....	7 50
H. G. Byram.....	1 87	Mark P. Hudson.....	3 50
A. D. Wheeler.....	24 06	Henry Gurney.....	4 50
John H. Hathaway.....	16 54	Charles A. Latham.....	2 50
Patrick Carroll.....	50	James Hickey.....	2 00
Michael Feeney.....	75	Oliver Pratt.....	18 17
Cyrus Munroe.....	3 25	F. A. Nash.....	4 00
E. A. Nash.....	20 55	Orlando M. Alger.....	1 87
Clark Wentworth.....	1 20	Timothy Mitchell.....	50
J. T. Guiney.....	15 23		
M. Jenkins.....	15 00		\$285 51
Francis Hayward.....	11 00	Appropriation.....	200 00
Jotham Hicks.....	19 30		
Sidney Allen.....	5 37	Over appropriation.....	\$85 51
Allen Washburn.....	19 75		

ITEMS OF EXPENDITURES

In Building Spring Street Bridge over Matfield River.

Commenced August 11, 1873; completed September 4, 1873.

Superintendent of structure, CHARLES H. GOSS.

Paid Chauney, Page & Co., for hard and white pine	
timber.....	\$234 54
Sawing and carting.....	1 75
Castings.....	6 15
Spruce plank.....	66 75
Freight on lumber.....	19 27
C. H. Goss, for labor and bills paid by him....	566 00
C. H. Goss paid Howe Brick Co., for labor....	132 00

Amount carried forward..... \$1,026 46

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$ 1,026 46
Paid Henry Gurney, for labor.....	41 25
Henry G. Hill, for stone.....	3 00
Daniel Desmond, for keeping signal light ..	3 00
Carver Cotton Gin Co., for iron work.....	25 35
Willard Johnson, for nails.....	7 19
Abner C. Jackson, for framing Truss.....	15 50
Allen Washburn, for team work.....	32 50
Eliab Latham, for team work.....	20 50
John Hobart, for boards.....	1 33
Dean & Perry, for castings.....	4 00
Alfred Griffin, carting iron to bridge.....	75
Rogers & Sheldon, for use of derrick, iron work, &c	76 70
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	\$1,257 53

COST OF REPAIRS ON SHAW'S BRIDGE.

Paid Francis Hayward, for labor.....	\$30 38
Town orders for payment of men employed...	125 00
James M. Perrigo, for labor.....	9 00
Otis Bisbee, for labor.....	155 20
David Roach, for team work.....	22 00
Galen Willis, for stone and labor.....	45 58
C. A. Keith, for lumber.....	22 25
N. Southworth, for team work.....	11 95
Solomon Millett, for stone.....	10 50
Rogers & Sheldon, for use of derrick, stone and team work	26 60
Estate of Moses Bates, for his labor.....	6 40
Caleb Goss, for lumber and labor for railing...	8 49
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	\$473 35

COST, OF REPAIRING ROAD AND SIDEWALK,

Corner of Central and Union Streets.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Paid Selectmen's orders, for labor	\$45 00
Day & Collins, of Boston, for drain pipe	82 62
Freight on same	9 17
David Roach, for team work	49 20
Solomon Millett, for stone	4 50
Jeremiah Dunn, for drawing stone	4 60
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	\$195 09

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AND ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company, assessments on four policies.....	\$125 17
H. A. Grow, lock for hook and ladder building.....	1 50
Avery & Doten, printing Town Reports for 1873.....	211 38
Avery & Doten, printing warrants and list of Jurors.....	2 00
Moses Bates, express on reports.....	1 37
Moses Bates, stationery and postage.....	2 12
W. H. Osborne, services as Moderator.....	5 00
S. P. Allen, services as Auditor.....	3 00
I. N. Nutter, cash paid upon Collector's deed and recording.....	17 65
Harlow Harden, repairs on Hearse House.....	75
J. M. Whiting, repairs on Almshouse.....	9 50
O. C. Railroad Co., freight on drain pipe.....	9 17
Willard Johnson, stove and pipe for Town Hall.....	63 20
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Amount carried forward.....	\$441 81

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$441 81
Paid J. Burrell, printing.....	22 50
J. Waterman, teams delivered M. Bates on Town business.....	10 75
J. Waterman, teams delivered J. A. Rogers on Town business.....	13 50
Enoch Powers, estimates on Satucket Bridge....	4 50
Jacob Bates, making up Town accounts of Moses Bates.....	5 00
Arthur P. Ford, printing voting lists.....	20 00
J. L. Hammett, blank books and stationery.....	10 52
William L. Morey, abatement of tax.....	5 00
Patrick Keiff, abatement of tax.....	2 13
Charles Brown, abatement of tax.....	10 75
Augustus M. Howe, abatement of tax.....	5 00
John Luby, abatement of tax.....	2 00
Estate of N. Ramsdell, abatement of tax.....	4 12
Isaac Lincoln, abatement of tax.....	2 00
Estate of Dexter Reed, abatement of tax....	9 74
Thomas G. Stetson, abatement of tax.	11 61
Clark Wentworth, abatement of tax for 1872	2 00

The following abatements were made on account of errors in assessing.

Daniel Morey.....	\$2 00
Samuel B. Allen.....	6 60
William V. West.....	8 25
John McCarty.....	16
To the Collector.....	331 16

\$931 10

Appropriation	450 00
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Over appropriation.....\$481 10

TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

Paid Jacob Bates, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, from Feb. 1 to March 17, 1873.....	\$53 07
Estate of Moses Bates, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, to his decease	27 75
Estate of Moses Bates, services as School Committee to the time of his decease.....	13 00
Jacob A. Rogers, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor.....	235 86
Eliab Latham, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor.....	51 75
George A. Wheeler, services as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor.....	73 50
Baalis Sanford, services as School Committee...	84 75
Austin Dodge, services as School Committee....	60 00
Ezra Kingman, services as School Committee ...	20 00
Jacob A. Rogers, services as Town Clerk.....	65 57
Isaac N. Nutter, services as Town Treasurer....	100 00
Ezra S. Whitmarsh, services as Collector	154 29
Sidney Packard, services as Constable and Sexton	159 00
Benjamin Siddall, services as Constable	10 00
Ezra Kingman, services on Committee	4 00
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STOCKING ROBBINS POND WITH HERRINGS.

Paid Samuel Keith, Fish Commissioner....	\$62 00
Enoch Freeman.....	14 38
Town of Middleboro', for herrings	21 34
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Unexpended.....	\$97 72
	2 28
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Appropriation.....	\$100 00

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid State Aid to families.....	\$1,296 00
Repairs of highways under the direction of the Highway Surveyors.....	2,006 82
Repairing roads, bridges and culverts, under the direction of the Selectmen.....	623 88
Removing snow.....	285 51
Incidental expenses and abatement of taxes...	931 10
Town Officers and Committees.....	1,112 54
Repairing West street.....	200 00
Repairing road and sidewalk, corner of Central and Union streets.....	195 09
Building Spring street bridge.....	1,257 53
Repairing Central street, near the house of R. Young.....	105 50
Repairs on Shaw's bridge.....	473 35
Stocking Robbins' Pond with herrings	97 72
School purposes.....	6,700 00
Decoration purposes.....	100 00
Support of paupers in Almshouse.....	572 20
Support of paupers out of Almshouse.....	1,442 94
	\$17,400 18

The Selectmen have also paid to the Committee having charge of the erection of the Soldiers' Monument, the sum of two thousand dollars in aid of the same, agreeably to an appropriation made by the Town in the year 1872.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1874.

Building and repairing roads, bridges, and culverts.	\$2,800 00
Removing snow	100 00
Support of Poor	2,000 00
Incidental expenses and abatement of taxes	500 00
Payment of Town officers and committees	1,000 00
Schools	5,500 00
School incidentals	600 00
Other school purposes	400 00

The Selectmen also recommend the following special appropriations:—

For that portion of Plymouth and Whitman streets recently laid out by the County Com- missioners	\$600 00
Spring street	200 00
Road near Cushing's corner	75 00

GUIDE BOARDS.

Guide Boards have been maintained during the Year at the same locations as at the last Annual Report, and are in good condition.

TOWN MEETING.

Copy of Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Meeting to be held March 16, 1874, at one o'clock, P. M. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the Reports of the Town Officers and Committees which are to report to this meeting, and act thereon.

ARTICLE 4. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges, and such sums as may be thought proper to pay Town debts and interest the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To act on a list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 10. To see what, if any, sum of money the Town will appropriate for the purpose of defraying the expenses of decorating the soldiers' graves in East Bridgewater, in May next. (*By request*).

ARTICLE 11. To see what, if any, sum of money the Town will appropriate to defray the expense of stocking Robbins' Pond with alewives. (*By request*).

ARTICLE 12. To see what, if any, sum of money the Town will appropriate for repairing or enlarging the Town House. (*By request*).

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build a Lock-up, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 175, of the Acts of 1873. (*By request*).

LIST OF JURORS.

We submit the following list of names of persons, qualified to act as Jurors, to the consideration of the town at the Annual Meeting, March 16, 1874:

William Allen,
Henry Allen,
Daniel T. Blanchard,
Jarvis Burrell,
Eleazer C. Bennett,
Frederick S. Churchill,
Luther Churchill, Jr.
Roland F. Copeland,
Wellington Caldwell,
Hiram H. Erskine,
Edward F. Field,
Caleb Goss,
Edward P. Gurney,
Henry Gurney,
Reuben Harden,
Edward Y. Hayward,
Francis Hayward,
William W. Hersey,
John Hobart,
Ellis W. Holmes,
Henry G. Hill,
Samuel Keith,
Simeon C. Keith,
Thomas Keith,
Zebina Keith, Jr.,
Francis M. Kingman,

A. Harris Latham,
Eliab Latham,
Rufus A. Littlefield,
Frederick C. Mann,
Isaac N. Nutter,
Daniel L. Nash,
Nathan M. Poole,
John B. Porter,
David H. Pratt,
Oliver Pratt,
Joseph Reed,
Samuel L. Sever,
Minot C. Shaw,
Christopher B. Smith,
Clark Swallow,
William N. Shaw,
John B. Thayer,
John Waterman,
Benjamin M. White,
Asa T. Whitman,
Eleazer Whitman,
James R. Whitmarsh,
George A. Wright,
Ezra S. Whitmarsh,
Calvin Wade.

JACOB A. ROGERS,	}	<i>Selectmen of E. Bridgewater.</i>
ELIAB LATHAM,		
GEORGE A. WHEELER,		

Report of the Assessors.

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS.

For building and repairing roads, bridges and cul-	
verts.....	\$3,500 00
support of schools	5,500 00
school incidentals	600 00
other school purposes	600 00
support of the poor	1,850 00
payment of town debt and interest.....	3,000 00
payment of town officers and committees.....	1,000 00
incidental expenses and abatement of taxes....	450 00
removing snow	200 00
special appropriations for roads.....	600 00
fish commissioners	100 00
decoration purposes.....	100 00
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	\$17,500 00
State tax	2,407 50
County tax	1,791 96
Overlaying on tax.....	327 07
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	\$22,026 53

VALUATION FOR 1873.

Real estate assessed.	\$960,805 00
Personal estate.....	269,409 00
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	\$1,230,214 00
Number of ratable polls.....	864
Tax on 864 polls at \$2.00 each.....	\$1,728 00
Tax on \$1,230,214 at \$16.50 per \$1,000.....	20,298 53
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Committed for collection.....	\$22,026 53
Number of enrolled militia in 1873.....	419
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age.....	606
Dwelling-houses.....	591
Horses.....	333
Cows.....	411
Sheep.....	57

Report of Overseers of Poor.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

To inventory Feb. 1, 1873.....	\$2,779 05	
Salary of warden from Feb. 1, 1873, to Feb. 1, 1874.....	350 00	
Salary of Dr. S. A. Orr, medical attend- ance.....	25 00	
Cash from the treasury.....	450 00	
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By inventory Feb. 1, 1874.....	\$2,695 36	
Cash in hands of Warden.....	230 43	
Uncollected bills.....	106 00	
Cost of supporting poor at Almshouse	572 26	
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Whole number of paupers during the year.....	7
Average number of paupers.....	5.6
Present number at Almshouse.....	6
Average cost per week for support.....	\$1.90.5

Present Inmates at the Almshouse.

Harriet F. Parris.....	34 years of age.
James M. Gurney.....	56 years of age.
Calvin Eaton.....	74 years of age.
Lysander Bourne.....	65 years of age.
Ard Edson.....	81 years of age.
Adeline H. Keen.....	51 years of age.

EXPENSES OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for aid to Mrs. Z. A. Bouldry and children....	\$160 00
Asenath M. Vickery.....	40 00
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Reed.....	108 00
Mrs. Deborah Bates and child.....	100 00
Mrs. Eliza Worthington and child...	36 00
Mrs. Melissa Mitchell.....	64 02
Misses J. S. and M. P. Washburn....	35 00
Miss Lucina Mitchell.....	52 00
Miss Sybil P. Dunbar.....	52 00
Orrin Parris and family.....	78 00
State Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, for support of Nathaniel S. Bouldry.....	212 70
State Lunatic Hospital, Taunton, for support of George H. Savery.....	178 95
Mrs. Mehitable Brown, support and funeral charges.....	97 00
City of Fitchburg for supplies to Quinn family,	132 52
City of Lynn for supplies to family of James Conner.....	90 75
A. Griffin, conveying pauper to Almshouse....	1 00
Sarah E. Weld, for support.....	5 00
Ellen E. Cole, for support.....	63 00
for wood delivered Mrs. Vickery.....	5 00
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	\$1,510 94
Deduct amount paid by town of Middle- boro, for aid to Ellen E. Cole ...	63 00
Amount paid by town of Stoughton, for aid to Sarah E. Weld	5 00
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	\$68 00
Net expense out of the Almshouse.....	1,442 94
Net expense in Almshouse.....	572 26
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	\$2,015 20
Appropriation.....	1,850 00
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Over appropriation ...	\$165 20

JACOB A. ROGERS,	} Overseers of the Poor.
ELIAH LATHAM,	
GEORGE A. WHEELER,	

REPORT OF TOWN HALL AGENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1873,	\$1 00
Received for use of Hall in February, 1873,	7 00
March, "	11 00
April, "	4 00
June, "	7 50
July, "	5 00
September, "	13 00
November, "	21 00
December, "	3 00
January, 1874,	5 00
Received of Episcopal Society,	12 00
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	\$89 50

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for kerosene oil,	\$7 10
L. N. Nutter, for oil in 1872,	4 50
for lamps, wicks, chimnies, &c.,	13 33
for coal,	21 10
for board for music stand,	44
for repairs on chimney,	75
for Janitor's services,	44 00
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	\$91 22
Balance against the Hall,	1 72
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	\$89 50

JACOB A. ROGERS, *Agent.*

Report of Town Treasurer.

I. N. NUTTER, TREASURER, in account with Town.

DR.

Cash of Henry Gurney, Treasurer.....	\$3,472 09
Heirs of Mehitable Gurney	7 25
John Drayton.....	4 98
W. R. Sever, County Treasurer, refunded on dog tax of 1872.....	187 94
Market Nat'l Bank, borrowed on Town notes,	3,000 00
John Reed, " " " "	300 00
Alfred Griffin, " " " "	450 00
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed on Town notes.....	500 00
State Treasurer, balance of corporation tax,	12 17
Town of Stoughton.....	5 00
Selectmen, proceeds of sale of old lumber...	13 75
Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of one scholar in High school.....	5 00
Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of schol- ars in Beaver school.....	149 54
State Treasurer, State Aid refunded.....	1,366 91
State Treasurer, Corporation tax.....	1,084 86
State Treasurer, National Bank tax.....	996 71
State Treasurer, Income Mass. School Fund,	200 00
A. Griffin, for old lumber.....	2 92
W. R. Sever, County Treasurer, refunded on dog licenses for 1873.....	185 86
Town of Middleboro, Town aid refunded....	63 00
Town of No. Bridgewater, Town aid refunded,	6 00
School Committee, for text books sold.....	16 25
School Committee, refunded on bill for glazing	1 00
Daniel Lynch, release of Collector's deed...	10 72
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector on tax of 1873..	21,547 09
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, bal. of tax of '73,	688 70

\$34,277 74

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By paid Town notes for money borrowed.....	\$4,250 00
Interest on same.....	74 73
Town bonds,.....	2,600 00
Interest on same.....	648 60
County tax,.....	1,791 96
State tax,.....	2,407 50
Town of Hanson, tax bill	55
Town orders.....	11,630 28
State Aid orders.....	1,188 00
School orders.....	6,185 00
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	\$30,776 62
Cash on hand.....	3,501 12
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	\$34,277 74

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS OF THE TOWN.*

LIABILITIES.

Town bonds due Oct. 1, 1874.....	\$500 00
Oct. 1, 1875.....	1,800 00
Oct. 1, 1876.....	1,900 00
Oct. 1, 1877.....	1,600 00
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	\$5,800 00
School orders outstanding.....	345 30
Unexpended appropriation for schools, subject to order of committee.....	972 34
Unsettled accounts, estimated.....	100 00
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	\$7,217 64

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury.....	\$3,501 12
Cash and uncollected bills in hands of warden of Almshouse	336 00
Due from State for State Aid.....	1,404 00
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	\$5,241 12
Total indebtedness of the Town, less assets.....	\$1,976 52

Collector's Report.

I have completed the collection of taxes, for the year 1873, and report:

Interest collected..... \$149 65

I have received the following abatements, viz.:

Bridget McElroy.....	\$8 65	Amasa L. Robinson	\$2 00
Albert H. Essex.....	2 00	James L. Reed.....	2 00
Benjamin F. Stearns.....	39 60	Nahum F. Harden.....	2 00
Granville C. Munroe.....	2 00	Benjamin F. Cathcart	2 00
Josiah E. Hayward.....	6 60	Zimri Cathcart.....	2 00
Irving Bates.....	2 75	Edmund F. Thayer.....	2 00
George T. Mitchell.....	13 20	George W. Lyon.....	2 00
Ethan A. Randall.....	5 00	Justin S. Kingman.....	2 00
Peter Hagan.....	3 00	Ernest B. Noyes.....	2 00
Thomas Howard.....	1 24	George Osborne.....	2 00
Thomas Branning.....	6 07	Joseph W. Harden	2 00
William F. Keith.....	10 62	Solomon Young.....	2 00
Phinley W. Reed.....	49 00	Frederic Alden.....	2 00
Minot C. Shaw, Guardian.....	18 15	Samuel P. Allen.....	2 00
Isaac J. Bourne.....	13 97	Elmer P. Copeland.....	2 00
Isaac N. Bourne.....	16 44	John R. Bisbee.....	2 00
John Drayton.....	25	John Day.....	2 00
Sarah Holmes.....	1 65	Phillip Kent.....	2 42
Samuel Dyer.....	23 10	William L. White.....	2 00
William Brainard.....	2 00	Otis Kingman.....	2 00
Caleb T. Keene.....	2 00	Henry W. Hatch.....	2 00
Andrew Crowley.....	2 00	Manuel Nevas.....	2 00
Patrick O'Brien.....	2 00	Amos Alden.....	1 49
Moses Cummings.....	2 00	William J. Meigs.....	2 00
Walter Richards.....	2 00	Clark Wentworth.....	2 00
George M. Tower.....	2 00	Isaac R. Davis.....	2 00
Daniel T. Barrell.....	2 00	Samuel B. Allen, 2d.....	2 00
James Donahoe.....	2 00	Joseph Steele.....	2 00
Daniel T. Blanchard, Jr.....	2 00	Luther E. Pope.....	2 00
Henry Powers.....	2 00	Roger Carr.....	2 00
James Kingsbury.....	2 00	William Black.....	2 00
Calvin Leavitt, Jr.....	3 96	Joseph P. Dunn.....	2 00
John Conant.....	2 00	James Burk.....	2 00
Kenelm W. Shaw.....	2 00	William Emerson.....	2 00
Charles M. Dickerman.....	2 00	Nathan W. Littlefield.....	2 00
Eliab N. Osborne.....	2 00		
William Hodgson.....	2 00		
			\$331 16

\$311.00 of the above amount was not taxable. \$20.00 of the above amount was assessed upon ten persons as a poll tax, one of whom is dead; the residence of seven is unknown to me, and two are living in town.

E. S. WHITMARSH, *Collector.*

Auditors' Report.

We have carefully examined the books of the Selectmen, School Committee, Treasurer and Collector, and respectfully submit the following report:—

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer.....	\$12,826 84
Amount paid by Treasurer.....	12,818 28

Outstanding orders.....	\$8 56
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The amount drawn is covered by vouchers, with the exception of \$159.00, drawn for State and Town Aid, for which no receipts were taken previous to March, 1873.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer.....	\$6,530 30
Amount paid by Treasurer.....	6,185 00

Outstanding orders.....	\$345 30
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The amount drawn is covered by vouchers.

TREASURER.

Amount received from former Treasurer...	\$3,472 09
Amount received during year.....	30,805 65

	\$34,277 74
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Amount paid out.....	\$30,776 62
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Amount on hand Feb. 26, 1874.....	\$3,501 12
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The amount paid out is covered by vouchers.

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection.....	\$22,000 39
Amount collected in addition to above.....	85 75
Amount of interest collected.....	149 65

Total.....	\$22,235 79
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The above amount has been paid into the treasury, and the Treasurer's receipts therefor exhibited to us by the Collector.

WILLIAM ALLEN,	} Auditors.
J. W. KENNAN,	
E. W. NUTTER,	

Report of the Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES.

Forty-two marriages have been recorded in East Bridgewater for the year 1873.

Date of Marriage.

Name of groom and bride, and residence of each.

1873.

January 1. Andrew William Thompson, of Abington, and Adelaide E. Edes, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John Thomson.

January 12. John D. Veaney, and Irene F. Morey, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. H. D. Walker.

January 12. Patrick Kennedy, and Mary Ward, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. A. Conlin.

January 12. Patrick McNamara of Milton, and Mary O'Brien, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

January 23. William V. West, and Cordelia Whitman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.

February 8. George B. M. Whiting, and Emma F. Gardner, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. B. Perkins.

February 16. James Carroll, and Catharine O'Brien, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

March 2. Horace A. Sears, and Carrie F. Robinson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Geo. W. Anderson.

March 4. William A. Josselyn, of East Bridgewater, and Susan Jane Moody of North Falmouth. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

Date of Marriage.

Name of groom and bride, and residence of each.

1873.

- March 9. Walter S. Tillson, of Abington, and Myra Kendall Swallow, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- March 17. Albert A. Packard, of West Bridgewater, and Lydia B. Jenness of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Geo. W. Anderson.
- April 3. Samuel A. Luzarder, and Alice J. Lincoln, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- April 14. Manuel DeSousa, and Maria DeLuz, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
- April 30. Luther W. Chapman, of Hanson, and Josephine Underwood, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. S. L. Rockwood.
- May 6. Charles M. Delano, and Carrie E. White, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- May 28. Charles F. Clark, and Hattie F. Packard, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- May 29. Herbert K. Stevens, of North Bridgewater, and Ellen Sprague Wood, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- June 1. Josiah E. Sears, of North Bridgewater, and Lucy C. Phillips of East Bridgewater. By Rev. S. L. Rockwood.
- June 4. Alson Poole, of Halifax, and Josephene P. Raymond, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. James Freeman Clarke.
- June 8. Albert W. Gibbs, of North Bridgewater, and Myra A. Otis, of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
- August 23. William N. Shipman and Sarah F. Vosmus, both of West Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- August 26. Arlon M. Ballou and Ellen R. Sprague, both of East Bridgewater. By J. E. Tirrell, Esq., Justice of the Peace.

Date of Marriage.

Name of groom and bride, and residence of each.

1873.

September 1. George W. Severance and Celia Phillips Washburn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. George W. Anderson.

September 18. Warren F. Chamberlain, of Abington, and Mary J. Foster, of Hanson. By Rev. John W. Quinby.

October 1. Hosea Hathaway and Cynthia Underwood, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. S. L. Rockwood.

October 2. Granville C. Allen and Abbie L. Ballou, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Francis C. Williams.

October 11. Elmer H. Harding, of Hanson and Sarah E. Cannard, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. F. Farrington.

October 25. Frederick W. Lincoln, of West Bridgewater, and Sarah Jane Cummings, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.

October 30. Seabury C. Hathaway, Jr., of East Bridgewater. and Abbie F. Shaw, of Raynham. By Rev. J. W. Malcolm.

November 16. Jabez Tabor, of North Bridgewater, and Mary Ann Kingman, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. H. A. Stevens.

November 19. Charles Leonard Jones and Susan Rowena Soule, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine,

November 26. Frank L. Erskine and Cornelia Prime, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John W. Quinby.

November 26. Luther W. Phillips, of East Bridgewater, and Emma J. Benson, of Haverhill. By Rev. Henry A. Cook.

November 27. Marcus Temple, of Marlboro, and Jane A. Allen, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

November 27. Alphonzo Whitman and Clara Ann Luzarder, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John Thomson.

Date of Marriage.

Name of groom and bride, and residence of each.

1873.

November 27. Elias Abbot Ransden, of Bridgewater, and
Mary Tacy Bottomore, of East Bridgewater. By Rev.
T. O. Paine.

November 29. Joshua Reed, East Bridgewater, and Rosella E.
• Cornish, of Halifax. By Rev. Charles A. Snow.

December 24. John Burrill and Huldah Esther Peterson, both
of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John W. Quinby.

December 24. Isaac S. Pratt, of East Bridgewater, and Ida
M. Blois, of Abington. By Rev. Charles A. Snow.

December 24. Arthur W. Sherman, of Abington, and Malansa
W. Gurney, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Charles A.
Snow.

December 25. Hubbard Augustus Foster, of Buffalo, N. Y.,
and Florence Amelia Jenkins, of East Bridgewater. By
Rev. Austin Dodge.

December 25. Robert Orr, and Mary Winslow Harris, both of
East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

J. A. ROGERS, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS

*Registered in East Bridgewater for the year 1873, including
four not reported the previous year.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1872.		
Feb'y 18,	Minnie Gertrude Fisher.	Benjamin H. and Mary A.
May 21,	Harrie Lewis Colter.	John L. and Lydia M.
August 1,	Daniel Herbert Briggs.	Daniel and Louisa F.
Sept. 20,	Frederick Amos Hunting.	Amos and Margaret O.
1873.		
Jan'y 4,	Ina Augusta Newhall.	Frank W. and Mary A.
5,	Percival Mitchell Churchill.	Newton and Abbie W.
17,	Helen Jane Bouldry.	—— Z. A. Bouldry.
20,	Patrick D. Morey.	James and Mary.
22,	Richard Bradford Hayward.	Benjamin S. and Addie C.
31,	Freddie M. Hudson.	Mark P. and Bethiah O.
Feb'y 5,	Charles H. Cole.	Clinton W. and Ella E.
12,	A. A. Joseph Lasarge.	A. A. Joseph and Anriette.
12,	Nina Mabel Frost.	Sears R. and Persis M.
14,	William Henry Meigs.	William S. and Sarah W.
16,	Ethelyn White Poole.	Perigrine W. and Mary J. E.
21,	Florence Talbot.	James and Ann.
March 4,	Michael F. Roach.	David and Mary.
8,	Albert Nichols Bennett.	Eleazer C. and Abbie F.
10,	Julia Myrtell Litchfield.	George A. and Sarah M.
15,	Percy Chester Keene.	William F. and Hattie M.
15,	Ellen Crowley.	Patrick and Margaret.
28,	Clarabell K. Bisbee.	Frederick G. and Mary C.
April 1,	Agnes McKean Hobart.	Aaron, Jr. and Agnes M.
4,	Martha Elizabeth Troman.	William and Jane.
8,	John Edson.	Seth B. and Elizabeth D.
23,	Mary Jane White.	Edward and Catharine.
May 1,	Josephine Augusta Howe.	Augustus M. and Julia H.
5,	John Francis Kennedy.	Patrick and Mary.
5,	Isaac H. Dunbar.	Horace P. and Ellen F.
9,	Charles L. Raymond.	Charles W. and Etta.
14,	Abby Francelia Beals.	George G. and Harriet J.
15,	William Frank Hayward.	William A. and Louisa B.
30,	James Sidney Weld.	George A. and Sarah E.
June 3,	Louise Morton Keith.	Isaac and Lucy T.
6,	Florence Morton Wilber.	Arad and Lizzie.
24,	Frederick Cushman Edson.	Edward E. and Addie F.
29,	Margaret McCarty.	John and Margaret.
July 2,	—— Allen.	Charles E. and Flora E.
3,	Edward Bearse.	Michael and Ellen.
4,	Austin Raymond Knapp.	James G. and Eliza W.
18,	George Edward Smith.	Henry M. and Marion.
August 3,	Nahum Poole.	Nahum and Lurana T.
	Catharine Luddy.	Patrick and Ellen.

LIST OF BIRTHS.—Continued.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1873.		
August 7,	Myron Millard.	Simeon W. and Margaret A.
7,	Jessie W. Whitman.	Joseph M. and Lizzie D.
7,	Marion Frances Fish.	Thomas J. and Annie.
10,	Walter Day Veaney.	John D. and Irene F.
25,	Florence Mabel Edson.	Albert C. and Sarah E.
29,	Ellen Welsh.	Patrick and Margaret.
30,	James Rogers.	Patrick and Catharine.
31,	Fred A. Sears.	Horace A. and Caroline F.
Sept. 1,	Louise Richards.	L. Watts and Hannah M.
2,	Mary Burt Alden.	Lucius F. and Alice W.
17,	Nellie Florence Sumner.	Ira H. and Edith F.
17,	James Rogers Carroll.	Patrick and Bridget.
22,	Clara Elizabeth White.	Benjamin M. and Mary E.
October 6,	Sarah Margaret Neville.	Andrew and Elizabeth.
11,	George Warren Doten.	John T. and Fannie M.
22,	Fred Allen Eddy.	Allen P. and Arrah V.
Nov'ber 1,	Alice Lydia Sturtevant.	Andrew and Ellen.
2,	Ellen Hennessy.	Michael and Catharine.
2,	John Clarhity.	Cornelius and Mary.
4,	Susan Mary Maguire.	Owen and Hannah.
7,	Otis Munroe Bryant.	Seth H. and Mary C.
7,	Caroline Souza.	Manuel and Mary.
11,	Amy Natalie Nash.	Francis A. and Hezia.
11,	Emily Mary Fisher.	Benjamin H. and Mary A.
14,	Sam W. Hayward.	Leonard H. and Emeline A.
18,	Lottie Mabel Cook.	Joseph H. and Nancy A.
22,	Erwin Vinton Gay.	David A. and Mary L.
25,	Charles Erving Sturtevant.	Frederick W. and Mary M.
Dec'ber 1,	Edmund Campbell.	Edmund and Anna.
8,	Benjamin H. Chamberlain.	Francis B. and Esther.
19,	Lottie White Young.	Andrew P. and Almira F.
24,	Helen Morton Ransden.	Nathan A. W. and Selina M.

Whole Number of Births in 1873	71
Males	35
Females	36
	— 71
Of Foreign parentage	18

J. A. ROGERS, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR 1873.

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DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS, ETC.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days			
Jan. 13,	M. Carey, (Sawyer),	85	-	-	Old Age.	Vermont.	A. Sawyer.
14,	Levi Keith.	86	2	5	Old Age.	E. Bridgewater.	Son of Levi and Huldah, (Keith).
21,	Annretta A. Hayward, (Morey)	40	1	28	Pneumonia.	Oxford, N. H.	William W. and Celinda, (Osborne)
28,	Eliza Allen.	53	8	26	Dropsy.	E. Bridgewater.	Joseph and Diana, (Phillips).
Feb'y 1,	Blake Jenness.	-	5	4	Congestion of Lungs.	E. Bridgewater.	John S. and Joanna R.
24,	Carrie A. Chamberlin.	-	5	9	Acute Phthisis.	E. Bridgewater.	Francis B. and Esther.
March 12,	Calvin Reed.	53	11	9	Cancer in Stomach.	E. Bridgewater.	Isaac and Sally, (Stetson).
16,	Harriet L. Mitchell, (Angier)	58	11	20	Asthma & Heart Dis.	Belfast, Me.	John and Lavinia, (Hathaway).
20,	A. Amanda Reed, (Brown),	48	11	5	Obstruction of Liver.	E. Bridgewater.	Isaac and Eunice.
25,	Alvin C. Baker.	37	2	26	Consumption.	Lowell.	Reuben and Lydia C.
April 5,	Ellen Morey, (Fitzgibbons).	58	-	-	Stoppage.	Ireland.	Robert and Frances, (Maloney).
6,	Martha E. Bean, (Snell).	21	-	2	Pneumonia.	E. Bridgewater.	Nathan T. and Harriet F., (Cary).
10,	No name.	-	-	-	Still born.	E. Bridgewater.	David and Julia A. Standish.
May 10,	Ella Raybould.	-	-	8	Convulsions.	E. Bridgewater.	Elijah and Priscilla.
11,	George Henry White.	20	8	19	Cerebrospinal Meningitis.	E. Bridgewater.	Cushing and Betsey J.
12,	A. A. Joseph Lasarge.	67	3	-	Croup.	Somerville.	A. A. and Annette.
13,	Almon Gurney.	67	7	26	Dropsy.	E. Bridgewater.	Seth and Rebecca.
14,	Isaac H. Dunbar.	-	-	9	Bleeding.	E. Bridgewater.	Horace P. and Ellen F.
16,	Elizabeth A. Bates, (Allen).	28	3	1	Consumption.	E. Bridgewater.	Sam'l B. & Elizabeth M. (Simmons)
16,	Harrie Gerrish Rogers.	-	11	16	Congestion of Lungs.	E. Bridgewater.	Wales and Sarah L., (Gerrish).
31,	Samuel Alden.	14	11	-	Consumption.	E. Bridgewater.	Sam'l G. and Harriet L., (Keith).
June 11,	A. Louise Kingman.	12	10	26	Scarlet Fever.	E. Bridgewater.	Nathan and Mary J., (Tweed).
16,	Moses Bates.	57	9	-	Lung Fev. Pneumonia	E. Bridgewater.	Moses and Deborah, (Dyer).
18,	Levi Whitmarsh.	79	5	9	Hemorrhage of Lungs	Abington.	Levi, name of mother unknown.
22,	Azor Harris.	84	1	8	Old Age.	E. Bridgewater.	Arthur and Celia, (Mitchell).
29,	Infant.	-	-	-	-	E. Bridgewater.	C. E. and F. E. Allen.
July 4,	John Wade.	78	4	25	Old Age.	E. Bridgewater.	John and Molly Wade.
12,	Juliett Latham, (Hathaway)	67	-	-	Cancer.	Duxbury.	Rufus and Judith, (Winsor).

Aug.	1,	Celestia Whiting, (Howard),	72	514	Fev. & Gen'l Debility.	W. Bridgewater.	Jonathan and Mary Howard.
	8,	Lizzie Feeney.	1	120	Teething.	E. Bridgewater.	Michael Jr. and Margaret, (Foley)
	11,	John Francis Kennedy.	-	311	Cholera Infantum.	E. Bridgewater.	Patrick and Mary, (Ward),
	12,	Daniel Herbert Briggs.	1	-11	Cholera Infantum &	E. Bridgewater.	Daniel and Louise F.
	15,	Deborah Clift.	73	721	Consump'n. [Teething	E. Bridgewater.	Nath'l and Nabby, (Byram).
	16,	Sarah S. Brown, (Tower).	65	-	Cancer.	So. Situate.	Thomas and Sarah Tower.
	20,	George Keith.	83	323	Dysentery.	E. Bridgewater.	Eleazer and Elizabeth, (Mitchell).
Sept.	2,	Walter J. Kendrick.	1	113	Dropsy on the Brain.	Plymouth.	Walter H. and Lizzie C.
	10,	Nahum Poole.	-	23	Consumption.	E. Bridgewater.	Nahum and Lurana T., (Reed),
	17,	George W. Wilday.	55	7	Liver Complaint.	E. Bridgewater.	William and Eunice, (Kingman).
	20,	Edwin W. Bancroft.	51	9	Consump'n of Lungs.	Barre, Vt.	— and Mary.
	20,	Martha B. Waite.	79	-	Old Age.	Leicester.	Nathan and Patty.
	27,	John Luby, Jr.	21	827	Consump'n of Bowels	Ireland.	John and Mary, (Quinlan).
Oct.	9,	William Oscar Underwood.	14	2	Typhoid Fever.	E. Bridgewater.	James O. and Rachel B.
	12,	Frances Kingman, (Howard)	82	-	Paralysis.	W. Bridgewater.	Edward and Susanna, (Howard).
	14,	Julia Abbie Whitman.	20	118	Consumption.	E. Bridgewater.	Eleazer and Carrie R., (Reynolds).
	21,	Frankie Neves.	-	325	Pneumonia.	E. Bridgewater.	Joseph and Louisa.
Nov.	1,	Alice Lydia Sturtevant.	-	1	Congestion of Brain.	E. Bridgewater.	Andrew P. and Ellen F. (Jenness)
	2,	Andrew Crowley.	80	-	Old Age.	Ireland.	Andrew and Margaret.
	13,	Samuel B. Allen, 2d.	45	10	Heart Disease.	E. Bridgewater.	— Patience Allen.
	16,	Mehitable Brown, (French).	87	11	Old Age.	E. Bridgewater.	Joseph and Hannah, (Mahuron).
	17,	Zebina Johnson.	81	5	Old Age.	E. Bridgewater.	Josiah and Eunice, (Allen).
	20,	William Tates.	88	-	Old Age.	Boston.	Casper and Susanna, (Goodwin).
	24,	Edward Luby.	27	-	Consumption.	Ireland.	John and Mary, (Quinlan).
Dec.	5,	Isaac Washburn.	75	311	Facial Neuralgia.	Turner. Me.	Isaac and Huldah, (Allen).
	9,	Timothy Keith Reed.	32	6	Colic—shock Nervous	E. Bridgewater.	Josiah and Jennette, (Keith).
	16,	Isaac Keith.	74	4	Nervous Shock. [Sys.	Bridgewater.	Howe and Martha, (Hayward).
	25,	Mary A. Keith, (Ingersoll).	23	7	Consumption.	Burnham, Me.	James and Jane Ingersoll.
	28,	Manuel Neves.	-	1	Diarrhoea.	Boston.	Jason and Maria.
		Marion E. Corey.	11	10	Scarlet Fever.	Bridgewater.	Edward T. and Maria L. Corey.

Number of Deaths registered, 58: Males, 34; Females, 24. Of American birth, 54; of Foreign birth, 4.

8 persons died of old age; 10 of consumption; 22 persons were less than 21 years of age.

J. A. ROGERS, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES.

An act of the Legislature to establish the Alewife and other fisheries in the towns of Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and Halifax, was approved April 12th, 1872.

At a meeting of this town held in 1872, the sum of \$100 was appropriated for the purpose of stocking Robbins Pond with alewives. This sum was expended under the direction of the Selectmen, and a number of alewives were placed in the pond. The fish cast their spawn, and a considerable number of fry went down the Satucket River to the sea, in July and August of that year.

At the annual meeting of the town held in March, 1873, the undersigned were chosen a committee to superintend the stocking of Robbins Pond with alewives, and the sum of \$100 was appropriated for that purpose.

The method of stocking a pond and breeding these fish is as follows: The alewives are taken alive as they come from the sea to cast their spawn, and being placed in tanks filled with water are carried to the pond where it is desired to breed them. During the latter part of May or the first of June, the fish spawn. In the course of six or eight weeks the young fish start for the sea. A period of about three years is required for the alewives to mature. At the end of this time the fish leaves the salt water, and seeks the pond or lake where it was bred, and there casts its spawn. According to this fact (*for it has been repeatedly demonstrated by experiment*) therefore, the alewives hatched in Robbins Pond in 1872, will make their appearance

in Satucket River in May or June 1875, provided that their passage up the various rivers is not interfered with. The object of stocking our pond from year to year is to increase the number of the fish, and thus to establish this fishery beyond question. This process should be pursued for about three years, in order to accomplish this object.

In accordance with the provisions of the above named Act, large and commodious fish-ways, of the most approved pattern, have been erected at the Paper Mill dam, on the "Town River," in Bridgewater, and at the Satucket dam, in East Bridgewater. A fish-way exists at the Squawbetty dam, in Taunton, so that at the present time there is nothing to hinder the fish from coming directly from Taunton River to Robbins Pond. It is confidently expected that both *shad*, and the *white sea perch*, will follow the alewives in their new run up our rivers, as these three varieties of fish usually school together.

Your committee put into Robbins Pond, between the 25th of April and the 10th of May last, about 804 live alewives. On the 29th of June last, a large school of fry passed down Satucket River, and over the dam at that place. On the 25th of July a second school came down, and on the 20th of September, a third, but smaller school, made their appearance. Your committee have fine specimens of each of these three schools of fry, which were taken in Satucket River.

Your committee tried several experiments in transporting live alewives from Middleboro to Robbins Pond, but were finally obliged to adopt the method of placing the fish in hogsheads and tanks filled with water, and drawing them in wagons a distance of some eight miles, to our pond.

The fish are extremely delicate, and many of them died on the passage, in spite of every precaution against it.

The committee recommend an appropriation of \$100 for the purpose of stocking Robbins Pond the coming Spring, confident as they are that our people will eventually reap the full fruits of these efforts to re-establish these important fisheries, which up to the year 1819 were freely enjoyed by them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. OSBORNE, SAMUEL KEITH, BRANCH BYRAM,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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EAST BRIDGEWATER, Mass., Feb. 23, 1874.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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—FOR THE—

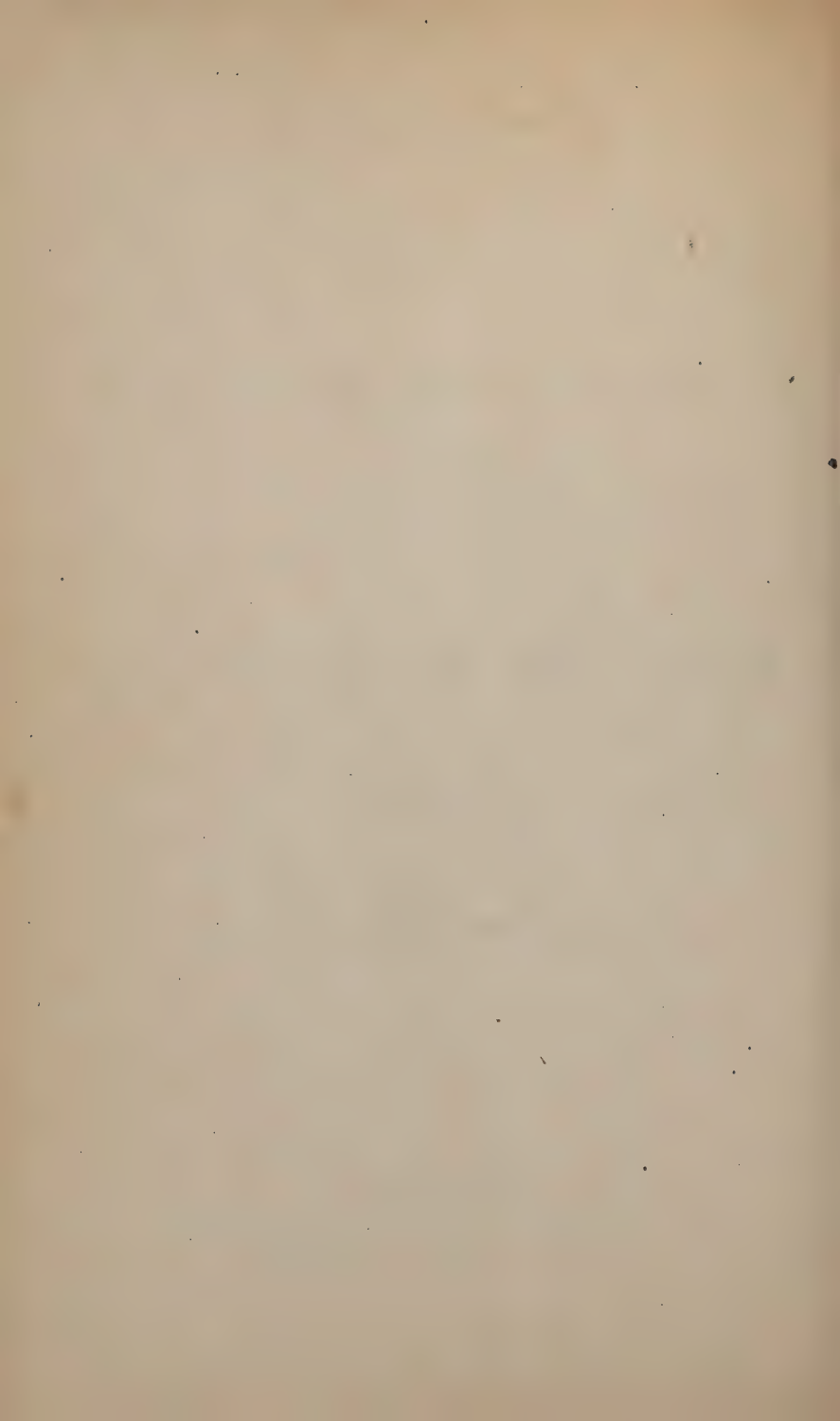
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1874.



REPORT.

Members of the Board at the Annual Town Meeting, March, 1873 : MOSES BATES, AUSTIN DODGE, HENRY GURNEY, GEO. W. HARDEN, FRANKLIN KEITH, BAALIS SANFORD, JARVIS BURRELL, EZRA KINGMAN, ASA T. WHITMAN.

The Committee was organized for the year ensuing, by the election of MOSES BATES as Chairman and Treasurer, and BAALIS SANFORD, Secretary.

SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS.

Messrs. Bates, Sanford and Dodge were chosen a sub-committee, for the appointment and examination of teachers, and the special supervision of schools.

The schools were assigned for this purpose as follows :

Schools in Auburnville, Northville, Union Street, and East Primary to Mr. BATES.

Schools in Beaver, Elmwood, West Primary, Centre Intermediate, to Mr. SANFORD.

Schools in Eastville, Curtisville, and Satucket, to Mr. DODGE.

The High School was assigned to Mr. SANFORD as principal visitor and reporter.

In the early part of the school year Mr. BATES was suddenly removed by death from the position which he had efficiently filled for more than two years. The Committee here express a sense of the loss they experienced in the decease of one whose mental reach and comprehension, quick perception, and superior executive power, were calculated to furnish vigorous aid in devising and applying the means for advancing our public schools.

At a convention of the Selectmen and School Committee, WYMAN C. FICKETT was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board for the remainder of the school year. And at a subsequent meeting of the School Committee, the same gentleman was chosen to succeed Mr. BATES as Chairman and Treasurer. Mr. KINGMAN was chosen to the vacancy in the Examining Committee.

The four schools which had been assigned to Mr. BATES were now transferred to the charge of Mr. SANFORD.

Also, on account of Mr. Dodge's absence in Europe, the school in Satucket, which he had had in charge, and the schools in Elmwood, were transferred to the supervision of Mr. KINGMAN.

WEST PRIMARY.

This school has continued for the entire year under the tuition of MISS GEORGIANNA KEITH. Having won the

confidence and respect of the pupils, her work was comparatively easy and pleasant, resulting in regular attendance, unusual advancement in studies, and regard to habits of neatness and order. The superior exercises in music, conducted by the teacher, contributed largely to the pleasure and profit of the scholars. The first class of eight stood well on the scale of merit, and are prepared to enter the Intermediate grade.

Not Absent for the Year :

Charles D. Waterman,

Willie Luddy.

EAST PRIMARY.

The Summer term was under the charge of MISS JULIA A. WHITMAN, a graduate of our High School. Her amiable and lovely qualities secured the confidence and affection of her scholars, and her earnest devotion to duty was amply rewarded by their progress in study and attention to good deportment. Flattering hopes were entertained of her continuance in a position she had so acceptably filled. But these hopes were destined to disappointment. In the summer vacation she became the victim of a fatal malady, and soon passed away,—leaving her many friends to bow in silence to the decree of an inscrutable but all-wise Providence.

The Autumn and Winter terms were conducted by Miss MARY E. ALDEN. The number of scholars increased,

but were well accommodated. In the Winter, the average attendance, through sickness, was diminished. Miss Alden's manners and methods in her work attracted the kind regards of the children of her charge, interesting them in study, securing good order and general progress; and, without impairing her authority as their teacher, rendering punishments almost unnecessary.

Four scholars were found qualified for promotion to the Intermediate.

UNION STREET.

Miss FRENCH, who had conducted this school with marked success, soon after the opening of the Summer term resigned her position for a more lucrative one elsewhere. She was succeeded by Miss GEORGIA M. DUCKWORTH, through whose earnest and judicious efforts classes were well arranged, and their work marked with commendable results. The discipline was good, the relation between pupils and teacher pleasant, and though her labors were more difficult through ill health, they were in a good degree useful. To the regret of all, she was compelled by illness to resign her charge.

For the Winter term, the school was committed to the care of Miss LUCIA A. MILLETT; and continued so to improve as to suffer apparently no material injury from the change.

The class advanced to the Intermediate numbers thirteen.

AUBURNVILLE.

Miss FANNIE REED, teacher. Excellence and success in all essential features have characterized the work here performed. Diligent study as the price of improvement was apparently well understood, and practised with happy results ; while everything pertaining to the school-room betokened care for systematic and pleasant arrangement.

NORTHVILLE.

Near the time for the opening of the Fall term, Miss WHITE, who for more than four years had been profitably connected with this school, unexpectedly resigned her charge,—leaving the Committee but a short time, and in a season when experienced teachers were engaged, to procure her successor. The vacancy was supplied by the employment of Miss MINNIE C. JOHNSON, who had recently graduated from the North Bridgewater High School. Though these were her first efforts in teaching, they seemed to be in the right direction, Her love for the work, and active endeavors to perform faithfully her various duties, told well on the progress and behavior of the pupils, who, with few exceptions, appear to be learning to appreciate the excellent accommodations and privileges provided for their mental and moral benefit.

BEAVER.

This school, which had formerly been conducted in two departments under two teachers, has been united, and, for the year, under the charge of MISS HATTIE A. COBB, whose efficient management has secured very commendable success. Consisting of fifty scholars, the percentage of average attendance was remarkably high. And every monthly examination furnished increased evidence of substantial improvement in all the numerous classes. Geography and History were taught as they should be, by topical recitations. Grammar, instead of a dull study, was made quite interesting and successful, by the earnest and careful method by which the pupils were led onward.

The closing examination was rendered more pleasant by the presence of a goodly number of visitors.

ELMWOOD INTERMEDIATE.

This school has been under the instruction of Miss R. A. BUSH. During the first part of the Spring term, there was manifested a disposition to disregard the wishes and the authority of the teacher ; but after a little time, she succeeded in gaining the good will of her pupils, and mutual kind feeling prevailed during the remainder of the year.

The teacher manifested a good degree of interest in her work, and had there been a corresponding effort made on the part of the pupils and parents, better results would

have been accomplished. The attendance has been good, and but for prevailing sickness, a larger per cent. would have been reported during the winter term. The teacher seemed to possess a good understanding and aptness for teaching, and is entitled to our thanks for her earnest endeavors.

THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

Has been under the instruction of MISS ALICE M. EDSON. This school had been for a series of years under the charge of MISS MARY CATHERINE PRATT, whom we had regarded as a model teacher; but whose services, when solicited by the Committee, could not be retained on any condition whatever. It was then deemed expedient to have the two schools, numbering a little less than fifty scholars, combined in one, and employ Miss EDSON, as an assistant, at a moderate compensation. But this arrangement produced much confusion, and Miss EDSON chose to take the little ones, numbering about thirty, in a separate room.

The parents were disappointed in the change of teachers, and Miss EDSON commenced her work under disadvantages; still her success was all that could reasonably have been expected. If she did not secure that degree of order, so indispensable to perfect success, even in a primary school, there was good evidence of faithful instruction, and of fair improvement by her pupils in all that she taught.

SATUCKET—MIXED.

This school was under the charge of Miss EMMA R. NASH during the Spring and Fall terms. During these two terms she continued to sustain the good report which has been given of her success in this school and the other school over which she had charge the two previous years. She left to recuperate her health.

Miss F. HOLMES succeeded Miss NASH, and we think the Committee fortunate in securing her services for this school. Good results will necessarily follow the good order, kind feeling, and lively interest in the work manifested by both teacher and pupils, and we hope her services may be secured another year.

CURTISVILLE.

Miss ANNIE WHEELER continued to instruct this school through the Summer and Fall terms. Disadvantageously affected in regard to attendance and scholarship, by its situation in a widely scattered neighborhood, the school, nevertheless, has maintained a worthy degree of excellence, bearing the indications of earnest and persistent instruction, showing on the part of the scholars a continued and growing interest in their studies, and on the part of the teacher evidence that her work was a labor of love.

Miss BOTTOMORE succeeded Miss WHEELER and has taught the Winter term. The good attendance, new interest in recitations, will attest her experience, and lead us confidently to expect the good success she has won in other schools.

EASTVILLE.

Miss HATTIE E. ALLEN taught this school during the Summer term. Among the excellences of this school while under her charge, we mention as worthy of commendation, a superior musical instrument, good singing, pithy mottoes and appropriate and attractive pictures upon the walls, a kindly atmosphere, good order and correct recitations. The Committee take pleasure in bearing testimony to her ability, faithfulness and excellent success, and regret that she could not longer remain in the school.

During the Fall and Winter terms this school has been under the care of Miss EDITH WHEELER, who has manifested a high degree of interest in her work, and by careful, kindly, efficient instruction, has merited much commendation.

On the whole this is a pleasant school. Its association with the name of EDWARD EVERETT, whose portrait adorns the wall of the school-room, makes the place interesting, suggestive and inspiring.

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

This school has been another year under the charge of Mr. C. A. DUNBAR, as principal. What we said of its merits the last year might be repeated in this connection. The great number of scholars, even with an assistant, renders the charge of them an arduous task. The teacher's skilful arrangement of his work, and dispatch in executing it, have enabled him to conduct the school in a profitable manner. There was evident efficiency in securing entire subjection to rightful authority,—also a high average attendance, the thorough mastering of lessons, and extraordinary advancement in studies, especially in Arithmetic and Grammar.

The office of assistant during the Summer term was acceptably filled by Miss MARIETTA K. JOHNSON. Her successor in this department, during the Autumn and Winter terms, was Miss AGNES LUZARDER, whose active endeavors to discharge its duties were productive of general interest and proficiency in the pupils for whom she labored.

Scholars not Absent during the Year :

Lura Burrell,
Lottie Voigt,
Mary Fuller,
Lucy Kingman,

Arche Woodward,
George Trow,
Frank Gardner,
Elmer Wright.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school is still under the care of WYMAN C. FICKETT, A. M., as Principal,—this being the third year of his continuance in this office. We feel warranted in believing that the school under his management thus far in the present year fully sustains its previous good character.

At the close of the Summer term, Miss F. A. JENKINS, who had been the efficient assistant teacher for more than four years, tendered her resignation of the position she had so creditably filled, for another connection somewhat different, but not less in responsibility and interest,—carrying with her to her new home the kindest regards and wishes of her numerous patrons and friends.

The assistant's department for the Fall and Winter terms was put in charge of Miss M. K. JOHNSON, who, as before stated, had had some experience in a lower school. Her diligent efforts for the improvement of the classes committed to her instruction are worthy of commendation.

At the close of the High School, March 21, 1873,—which was several weeks after the date of our last report—though no member of the school was graduated, yet public exercises were held in the High School room, in which many of the senior class and other members participated. These exercises were witnessed by a large

number of ladies and gentlemen, who evinced a lively interest in the good quality of the performances, and the indications they presented of excellent instruction afforded in the school.

And from repeated examinations of its classes during each term, and the thorough drill frequently witnessed, the Committee is well satisfied that it presents a very valuable opportunity to young men, and young women, to prepare themselves for meeting the increased demands of active life, in this last and most enlightened part of the nineteenth century.

During the Winter term, thus far, one or two lessons in music have been given each week, by Mr. L. WATTS RICHARDS, the expense being defrayed in part by the members of the school. The effect has been found decidedly excellent. Music is now extensively regarded as an important school exercise; and if, as is generally admitted, it has a refining and softening influence—allays restlessness, relieves the monotony of study, and, by developing and strengthening the vocal organs, helps on to good reading and the best elocution, it may justly claim a high place in the regards of all friends of public education.

STATISTICS.

Summer Term.

Number admitted	15
Whole number scholars	64
Average number scholars	60+
Per cent. of attendance	97+

Fall Term.

Whole number scholars	55
Average number scholars	53+
Per cent. of attendance	97+

Winter Term.

Whole number scholars	56
Average number scholars	55
Per cent. of attendance	98
Average number for year	58
Per cent. of attendance	97
Number seniors	11
Sub-seniors	10
Middle	10
Juniors	25
Whole number	56
Number graduating class	11
Average age, 17 years, 5 months.	
Number in classical course	29
Number in English course	28

Not the least interesting feature of the High School during the year now coming to a close, is its honorably high average attendance—no changes of weather, or other circumstances, materially affecting it. There have been no absences except from sickness, or other causes equally unavoidable. Taking the lead in this respect, as in others, of the other grades, its example has aided the efforts made for increasing the attendance throughout the town. Not many years since, scarcely three-fourths of the children were regularly in school. But in the last Report of the Board of Education, this Town is set down as having an average attendance in its schools of 87 per cent.—ranking in this honorable distinction the fifty-first of the three hundred in the State, and the third of the twenty-five towns in the County.

No doubt the example of the High School scholars has strongly contributed to this result. We feel that their earnest and persistent efforts in this direction cannot be too highly commended. And as parents and guardians have an important agency in this matter, many thanks are due to them for their almost unexceptional co-operation with the Committee and the teachers in securing a daily attendance, so beneficial to the schools, and honorable to the Town.

Home influence is very efficient also, in securing the *progress* of pupils in school,—and their *continuance* through the whole course of studies. The High School course demands four years of continuous and earnest

study. But after the first or second year, it is not uncommon to hear the question, What good will it do my child to study this or that? This will of course awaken in the pupil a doubting spirit that will repress his courage, damp his ardor, and beget a distrust for the work, if not induce him to quit it altogether. Algebra, and the higher mathematics, may not be directly necessary to the ordinary business of every-day life, yet they develop and strengthen the power of logical thought, which gives the largest success in mechanical and practical enterprises. The study of Latin does not, we admit, impart much general information; but it is a valuable help to the knowledge of English. Not only do all branches of science depend almost wholly upon it, for their nomenclature, but it enters largely into the structure and meaning of a great proportion of the forty thousand words of the English language. Hence the best educators are agreed that the study of Latin is the very best method for the pupil's acquiring a facility in the use of his own language. Still, the study is not made compulsory, and the scholars who choose, may pursue only the English course. But in either case, let them receive every possible encouragement to go on to the end of the course prescribed, and secure the honors and rewards of graduation. Every important consideration urges parents to give their children the best education their means will allow, to fit them for the high em-

ployment of teaching, or for exerting, wherever they may be placed, an enlightened, efficient, and reforming influence in the community.

Foregoing the last year of High School instruction for the purpose of devoting it to pecuniary gains, subjects one to a loss for which the pittance thus earned would be the most meagre compensation.

Scholars in the High School not absent during the Year.

Ina L. Burrill,	Addie M. Thayer,
Florence M. Trow,	Fannie Leach,
Susan E. Hall,	Bradford Allen,
Isabel F. Nash,	Preston G. Edson,
Fannie Gurney,	Hermon S. Porter,
Lizzie Jones,	Howard Paine,
Susie Severance,	E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr.,
Nellie J. Standish,	Willie S. Washburn.

Graduating Class, 1874.

Ina L. Burrill,	Mary Anna Reed,
Susan E. Hall,	Nellie J. Standish,
Lucy H. Harlow,	Florence M. Trow,
Isabel Frances Nash,	Bradford Allen,
Edith Paine,	Preston G. Edson,

Frank O. Keith.

CONDITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

In nothing has the abolishment of the "district system" been more manifest than in the improvement of the school buildings. The liberal sums voted for erecting, new modeling and furnishing them, some of which

had long stood in an unsightly and dilapidated condition, and probably would have continued so for a long time to come, show that the doing away of the old system has not put the schools out of the hands of the people, but, on the contrary, has awakened in them a new and growing interest in their behalf. Our eleven school buildings, though not very expensive, are now neat, convenient, and comfortable.

The present year no considerable repairs have been requisite. An appropriation is needed to provide wood-houses for Union Street, East Primary, and West Primary schools, to prevent the unwise piling of wood in the attic. But before a wood-house is built for the West Primary, the yard should be enlarged. It is too small as it is, even for a play-ground ; the children being often exposed to danger from the passing of teams. The house should therefore be moved farther south-west, to give room for a wood-house and the safe sporting of the pupils. No large expenditures would be required. As one of the owners has refused to sell any land for this purpose to your Committee, we recommend that the Selectmen be instructed to procure the land and award the price to the owners, as provided in Chap. 38 of the General Statutes.

An appropriation was made last year for the purchase of more land, and fencing a yard for Northville school. Your Committee being unable to effect a purchase, except on terms which appeared to them unreasonable, recommended in our last report that the Selectmen be instructed

to obtain the land in the manner above mentioned. As it has not yet been done, we here repeat that recommendation, as we regard the object by no means unimportant.

The roof of the High School building being, in some places, very defective, several carpenters were appointed to examine it, who agree in the opinion that the entire roof should be shingled anew. This may require a special appropriation ; and economy seems to indicate that the work should be done as soon as possible.

A GOOD TEACHER.

Some one has said that the requisites for a good school are the following, viz.: a cheerful and convenient school-room supplied with the necessary apparatus ; a good teacher, and intelligent and well graded scholars. If to this list we add interested parents, punctual attendance, and competent and faithful supervision, we may accept the statement as essentially correct.

Upon a careful review of the conditions of our several schools in the light of these requirements, we shall find much to encourage all parties interested, and also much that is susceptible of change for the better. The condition of the school-rooms and other school property having already been alluded to, we dismiss the subject with the remark that a small appropriation is needed yearly for the purchase of maps, globes, books of reference, &c., which no school can afford to be without.

The second requirement for a good school, according to the authority quoted, is a good teacher.

The duties of a teacher are very plainly set forth in chap. 38, sect. 10, of the General Statutes of this Commonwealth, and are as follows :

“It shall be the duty of all instructors of youth to exert their best endeavors to impress on the minds of children and youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles of piety and justice, and a sacred regard for truth ; love of their country, humanity, and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry, frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance, and those other virtues which are the ornament of human society and the basis upon which a republican constitution is founded ; and it shall be the duty of such instructors to endeavor to lead their pupils, as their ages and capacities will admit, into a clear understanding of the above mentioned virtues, to preserve and perfect a republican constitution, and secure the blessings of liberty, as well as promote their future happiness, and also to point out to them the evils of the opposite vices.” Now add to this the other legal qualifications of competent scholarship, and we have the outline of what is rightly demanded of every teacher. Besides the ability to perform these varied and important duties, there are other requisites which a really successful teacher must possess. If the familiar quotation, “*Poeta nascitur, non fit*” is true, it is equally true of the teacher. He must have a natural aptitude for his pro-

fession, be enthusiastic in his work, and have faith both in himself and in the dignity of his vocation. While it is undoubtedly true, as claimed by some, that the art of teaching is best learned by teaching, still the best theories and the processes of correct teaching, can be learned at the Normal Schools established and supported by the State for that purpose ; and it is the duty of candidates for the position of teacher to avail themselves, if possible, of the advantages which are thus afforded for qualifying themselves in the " theory and art of teaching," and thus save the time of experiments and doubtful practices when engaged in actual teaching. The old idea is happily passing away that a person is fit for this responsible position, because he has a passible knowledge of those branches (and those only) which he will be required to teach in a particular school, and has a will sufficiently imperious, and an arm sufficiently strong and heavy, to enforce a sort of prison discipline.

But in addition to literary qualifications and aptitude for his work, the teacher should possess those nameless yet indispensable qualities of mind and heart which constitute the true lady or gentleman ; he should have a ready sympathy for children, and an ability to interest them and to be interested in them, and should have that intuitive knowledge of human nature which will enable him to organize and direct the activities of children successfully ; and this we confidently believe to be the legitimate end and business of teaching.

The teacher who so far misapprehends the true point of his work as to spend the greater part of his exertions in repressing the buoyant, and it may be, mischievous energies of those committed to his charge, is not, in any proper sense, a good teacher, though his school-room may be profoundly still, and every movement and exercise of his pupils performed with mechanical exactness. The true aim should be to turn these restless energies into proper channels, and thus utilize, to the best advantage, all the powers and capabilities of the mind. *Development*, not *repression*, is or should be the chief labor of teaching. While we do not find, and perhaps have no right to expect, any one teacher to possess all the requisite qualifications in the highest degree, yet we have been very generally satisfied, and in several instances gratified, with the success of the teachers employed the past year, as will be seen by the detailed report of each school. In fact, we feel confident that nearly every teacher has rendered more than an equivalent for the money received.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

We wish to enter our most earnest protest against the idea that seems to obtain that nearly "anybody can teach a Primary school." If there is any other heresy in the whole subject of education more mischievous than this, we are free to confess that we know not what it is.

If genuine culture, ripe experience, and good judg-

ment, are ever required in the education of children, it is certainly at the beginning of their course.

In Germany, where, perhaps, the true theory of teaching is better understood than elsewhere, the utmost care is exercised in the management of Primary schools. No teacher is employed in them who has not thoroughly prepared himself for the position ; and, if we may believe those of our best educators who have visited them, the results there obtained are superior to those of our own best schools. *Quality*, both of instruction and study, is of vastly more importance than mere *quantity*. Many a child has acquired a lasting distaste for study by reason of the unskilful methods adopted by his early teachers.

The evil results of poor teaching in the Primary schools often follow a pupil through his entire course. He is obliged to *unlearn*, and, if possible, forget the crude methods and habits of study there taught, and again learn *how* to study — how to use his powers to the best advantage. It would be impossible to build a comely and lasting edifice upon a defective and insecure foundation ; but this is just what we try to do when attempting to instruct, in the higher branches, a scholar whose early training has been defective. There is nothing inherently repulsive to the minds of children in study and school exercises, when skilfully adapted to their wants and capacities ; but it is the absurd process of “ *cramming* ” — of compelling children to commit and repeat, verbatim, words, statements, and phrases, of whose meaning they are profoundly igno-

rant, that gives them a strong aversion to the very thought of study. If really dull and stupid children are seldom found outside the school-room, may we not infer that the dullness there is often not real, and that only a better method of development is wanting to make the child as active and vigorous in study as in play? Undoubtedly, there is some stupidity to be found in every school-room, but it is not always exhibited by the scholars alone.

ATTENDANCE.

The necessity of punctual attendance has been so often and ably urged upon the attention of the town by our predecessors, that it may, at first thought, appear useless for us to go over the same ground and urge substantially the same reasons; yet we cannot forbear to again invite the serious attention of parents to the imperative necessity of having their children promptly and punctually at school. The evils of tardiness and irregularity of attendance have become one of the most common themes of discussion among teachers and school officers, and are, we think, almost universally acknowledged to be the greatest hindrances with which our schools have to contend. These habits are not only an injury to those scholars themselves, but are a positive, unmistakable injury and hindrance to the whole school. Such scholars fall behind their classes, become discouraged, and thus lose their interest; and study, which under proper

circumstances would be a pleasant and invigorating exercise, loses all its charms, and becomes in fact just what it seems, an unwelcome task. The whole class to which such pupils belong is injured by having the order and progress of its regular exercises interrupted by the inability of those prone to be absent, to master the subjects studied. In such a case one of three courses must be pursued, namely: The class must halt for those in arrears to make up their deficiencies, or the delinquents must be allowed to drag along with the class, and acquire, of course, only a superficial knowledge of the subjects studied; or they must be placed in a lower class, which course is usually submitted to with a feeling of reluctance and mortification on the part of both parent and scholar. Besides the great loss to such scholars themselves, and the unnecessary hindrance to those who are faithful in their attendance, there is a direct pecuniary waste, which in these times of general financial embarrassment, ought to be a topic of serious thought for every tax-payer in town. For example, take a school of thirty-five scholars whose average attendance is thirty. Now one-seventh of this school is constantly absent, but the cost of maintaining the same is not diminished. The cost of such a school is at least \$10 per week, amounting to \$350 per year, one seventh of which, \$50, or about 15 per cent. of the whole amount expended, is thus lost.

When this loss is taken in connection with the injuries above mentioned, the extent of this often unnecessary

evil is obtained. This illustration is by no means exaggerated, and can unfortunately be verified by an inspection of school registers found not far away. Your committee very confidently submit to the parents and tax-payers that this state of affairs ought not to be tolerated. To obviate, as much as possible, such an unprofitable state of things, has been an object of deep concern on the part of your committee. To this end, a regulation was adopted, requiring all scholars who may from any cause be absent from school, to bring, on returning, a written excuse from the parent or guardian, stating the reason of absence. This regulation was intended solely for the best good of all parties, by affording the teacher some sure means of knowing whether the absence of the scholar was by the consent of the parent or otherwise.

Substantially the same regulation is believed to be in force in a large majority of the towns of the Commonwealth, and has always been considered both reasonable and necessary. Its legality has, in fact, never been seriously doubted ; it has the unqualified approval of the Agent of the Board of Education, and has met a most ready and cheerful compliance, as far as is known, from nearly every parent in town patronizing the public schools. Teachers have been instructed to use their best discretion in its enforcement, remembering that the rule was not designed to *force* parents to send their children to school—however desirable that might be—but to af-

ford reliable proof to the teachers and committee that the absence complained of was by the consent and authority of the parent. The value of a regulation of this kind is ascertained, obviously, by its results; and judging by this criterion, it has accomplished all that was expected. The records of the several schools show a gratifying increase in the average attendance since its adoption. It is a matter of sincere congratulation on the part of the committee that the government and discipline of our schools for the past year have been so effective and satisfactory. There has not occurred, to the knowledge of the committee, scarcely a single instance of really malicious conduct on the part of any pupil in town. It is a well-known fact that as much trouble usually arises from attempts to secure discipline as from all other sources combined; and our happy exemption from its blighting effects is due, not only to the ready and cheerful compliance of the pupils to the rules of their respective schools, but to the hearty and generous co-operation of parents with the teachers and committee; and we are happy that a truth so vital to the success of our system of common school education, is so clearly recognized and acted upon by those so deeply interested in the welfare of our schools.

In conclusion, we commend our schools to the continued generosity and support of the town, confident that in no other way can so effective measures be taken for the promotion of the general welfare. Vast numbers of the

criminal and ignorant classes of foreign lands are being yearly landed on our shores, and the fears which are so reasonably entertained for the perpetuity of those institutions which have characterized New England in the past, can be dissipated only by the thorough dissemination of both moral and intellectual culture; and in no other way can we successfully grapple with the dangers which beset us.

For the School Committee.

WYMAN C. FICKETT, *Chairman.*
BAALIS SANFORD, *Secretary.*

EAST BRIDGEWATER, March, 1874.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1873-4.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHOOL.	[Number of Pupils.			Average Attendance.			Percentage of Average Attendance.			No. under 5 yrs. of age.	No. over 15 yrs. of age.	Length of School in weeks.			Length of School during the year in weeks.
	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.			Sum.	Fall.	Win.	
High School, - - - - -	64	65	56	60	53	58	.97	.98	.98	-	-	12	14	14	40
Centre Intermediate, - - -	82	74	75	75	64	63	.90	.86	.84	-	6	10	13	12	35
Elmwood Intermediate, - -	43	18	19	37	16	16	.86	.90	.85	-	1	11	12	12	35
Elmwood Primary, - - - -	-	28	30	-	24	27	-	.85	.90	-	-	11	12	12	35
West Primary, - - - - -	51	54	51	47	49	45	.92	.90	.88	3	-	10	13	12	35
East Primary, - - - - -	35	43	40	26	29	33	.75	.68	.80	3	-	11	12	12	35
Union Street, - - - - -	53	56	48	47	47	41	.89	.83	.83	-	-	11	12	12	35
Beaver, - - - - -	47	47	52	39	39	41	.38	.83	.80	-	-	11	12	12	35
Auburnville, - - - - -	35	33	30	28	28	25	.80	.85	.83	1	-	11	13	12	35
Eastville, - - - - -	25	25	22	21	19	16	.86	.79	.74	-	-	11	12	12	35
Satucket, - - - - -	15	19	20	13	16	16	.90	.83	.83	1	4	11	12	13	35
Curtisville, - - - - -	30	16	15	25	11	13	.83	.86	.86	-	1	11	12	12	35
Northville, - - - - -	26	28	26	24	25	24.1	.94	.91	.92	2	-	11	12	12	35

Financial Report

OF THE

TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Balance unexpended Feb. 1, 1873.....	\$242 91
Appropriations for school.....	5,500 00
Appropriations for incidental expenses.....	600 00
Appropriations for repairs of school-houses	600 00
Received of County Treasurer, dog licenses	187 94
Received moiety Mass. school fund.....	200 00
Received of town of West Bridgewater, tuition.....	154 54
Received for books sold.....	16 25
Refunded on bill for glazing.....	1 00
Total available amount.....	<u>\$7,502 64</u>

AMOUNTS EXPENDED.

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Paid Harlow Harden, labor and materials.....	\$17 68
H. A. Grow, glazing.....	2 00
J. W. Whiting, whitewashing.....	13 00
W. Johnson, pipe for well.....	9 92
Samuel Newhall, labor.....	3 00
David Roach, grading.....	21 50
	<u>\$67 10</u>

BEAVER SCHOOL.

Paid Baalis Sanford, repairs.....	\$2 38
Francis Hayward, grading.....	15 00
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	\$17 38

WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid W. C. Shaw, furniture.....	\$2 50
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UNION STREET SCHOOL.

Paid Baalis Sanford, repairs and cleaning.....	\$3 40
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CURTIS SCHOOL.

Paid G. W. Harden, repairs.....	\$4 93
G. W. Harden, grading.....	4 00
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	\$8 93

ELMWOOD SCHOOL.

Paid J. R. Davenport, labor.....	\$11 32
Ezra Kingman, whitewashing.....	4 00
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	\$15 32

AUBURNVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid Henry Gurney, grading.....	\$7 50
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RECAPITULATION.

High and Intermediate schools.....	\$67 10
Beaver school.....	17 38
West Primary.....	2 50
Union Street.....	3 40
Curtis.....	8 93
Elmwood.....	15 32
Auburnville.....	7 50
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	\$122 13

Less than appropriation \$477 87.

SCHOOL EXPENSES.

NORTHVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid Julia B. White, teaching 11 weeks.....	\$88 00
Julia B. White, care of house 11 weeks.....	3 00
Minnie C. Johnson, teaching 24 weeks.....	192 00
Henry Gurney, wood.....	12 00
A. T. Whitman, wood.....	5 00
J. C. Pratt, preparing fuel.	5 50
F. B. Chamberlain, cleaning house.....	3 00
Ellis Ramsdell, care of house.....	3 00
Timothy Drake, care of house.....	4 00
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	\$315 50

SATUCKET SCHOOL.

Paid Emma C. Nash, teaching 23 weeks.....	\$184 00
Miss F. Holmes, teaching 12 weeks.....	96 00
F. M. Wade, care of house.....	3 00
Mrs. McGuin, cleaning house.....	2 50
G. W. Harden, wood and preparing same.....	29 67
C. H. Sanford, shavings.....	50
F. M. Wade, care of house....	4 00
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	\$319 67

EASTVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid Hattie E. Allen, teaching 11 weeks.....	\$88 00
Edith Wheeler, teaching 24 weeks.....	192 00
Eddie Churchill, care of house.....	3 00
G. W. Harden, wood.....	35 00
Edith Wheeler, care of house.....	7 00
G. W. Harden, cleaning house,.....	3 50
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	\$328 50

BEAVER SCHOOL.

Paid H. A. Cobb, teaching 35 weeks.....	\$350 00
H. A. Cobb, care of house.....	6 00
Henry Gurney, wood.....	23 00
C. H. Goss, wood.....	11 62
Waldo Hayward, preparing fuel.....	2 75
J. Dean, preparing fuel.....	10 25
Mrs. Roach, cleaning.....	3 50
C. Homer Sanford, shavings.....	50
Frank Chandler, care of house, and broom.....	4 90
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	\$412 52

UNION STREET SCHOOL.

Paid A. C. French, teaching 6 weeks.....	\$48 00
Georgiana M. Duckworth, teaching 17 weeks..	136 00
Lucia A. Millet, teaching 12 weeks.....	96 00
Michael Lyons, care of house.....	3 00
Gallagher & Lyons, care of house.....	7 50
Henry Gurney, wood	16 00
A. T. Whitman, wood.....	7 50
C. Homer Sanford, preparing fuel.....	7 50
Enoch Freeman, preparing fuel.....	2 70
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	\$327 60

ELMWOOD SCHOOL.

Paid Rebecca A. Bush, teaching 35 weeks.....	\$315 00
Alice M. Edson, teaching 35 weeks.....	175 00
Ezra Kingman, cleaning house.....	5 00
W. J. Wright, care of house.....	5 50
M. P. Hudson, wood.....	13 00
Henry Hudson, care of house.....	10 50
C. H. Sanford, shavings.....	75
A. L. Alger, coal.....	20 75
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	\$545 50

EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid Julia A. Whitman, teaching 11 weeks.....	\$77 00
Mary E. Alden, teaching 24 weeks.....	168 00
Julia A. Whitman, care of house.....	3 00
Mary E. Alden, care of house....	3 00
George W. Harding, wood and preparing same,	21 33
G. Drislane, care of house.....	4 00
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	\$276 33

WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid Georgianna Keith, teaching 35 weeks.....	\$245 00
Henry Gurney, wood.....	16 00
A. T. Whitman, wood.....	7 50
C. H. Sanford, preparing wood.....	8 00
M. Reirdon, preparing wood.....	2 67
Mrs. Roach, cleaning house.....	3 00
Georgianna Keith, care of house.....	6 00
C. H. Sanford, care of house.....	4 00
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	\$292 17

CENTRE INTERMEDIATE.

Paid C. H. Dunbar, Principal.....	\$575 00
E. K. Johnson, Assistant.....	60 00
Agnes Luzarder, Assistant.....	175 00
Mrs. Barrett, sweeping and cleaning.....	20 25
East Bridgewater Iron Co., coal.....	61 38
J. Shaw, janitor, (Spring term).....	2 50
C. E. Hicks, pails, brooms, etc.....	72
W. C. Fickett, care of furnace.....	11 25
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	\$906 10

AUBURNVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid Miss Fannie Reed, teaching 35 weeks.....	\$280 00
Miss Fannie Reed, care of room.....	9 50
A. T. Whitman, wood.....	5 00
Henry Gurney, wood.....	16 00
Henry Gurney, incidentals.....	7 02
J. C. Pratt, preparing wood.....	5 50
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	\$323 02

CURTIS SCHOOL.

Paid Anna Wheeler, teaching 23 weeks.....	\$184 00
Anna Wheeler, care of house 23 weeks.....	6 00
G. W. Harden, cleaning house.....	4 00
G. W. Harden, wood and preparing same.....	35 50
E. M. Buttomer, teaching.....	96 00
Adna Howland, care of house.....	4 00
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	\$329 50

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid W. C. Fickett, Principal.....	\$1,100 00
F. A. Jenkins, Assistant.....	144 00
E. K. Johnson, Assistant.....	252 00
Mrs. Barrett, sweeping and cleaning.....	21 25
East Bridgewater Iron Co., coal.....	61 37
C. E. Hicks, pails, brooms, &c.....	73
Frank Smith, stationery.....	90
W. C. Fickett, care furnace.....	13 75
Joseph Shaw, janitor (spring term).....	2 50
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	\$1,596 50

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid J. L. Hammett, geographies.....	\$241 40
Baalis Sanford, incidentals.....	7 55
W. C. Fickett, text books for indigent scholars.....	2 08
W. G. Shattuck, furniture.....	35 76
J. L. Hammett, ink, &c.....	8 96
W. B. Hall, repairs on clocks.....	1 75
Baalis Sanford, use of horse and carriage, pro- curing teachers, stationery and postage...	17 60
J. Waterman, horse and carriage.....	2 00
J. L. Hammett, maps.....	19 37
H. A. Grow, glazing.....	2 50
Jacob Bates, administrator Moses Bates.....	3 00
Ezra Kingman clocks.....	14 75
Alfred Griffin, carrying teachers, and horse hire 1872-3.....	6 37
W. C. Fickett, text books for High School.....	1 90
W. A. Bowles, repairs on school organ.....	2 00
Frank Smith, chemicals.....	1 30
Baalis Sanford, incidentals.....	7 50
G. D. Shaw, shovel.....	1 00
C. H. Sanford, shavings.....	1 00
Willard Johnson, sundries.....	35 03
Isaac N. Nutter, sundries.....	12 14
W. C. Fickett, expenses and money paid.....	5 20
Frank Smith, envelopes, &c.....	60
Jarvis Burrill, printing.....	6 00
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	\$436 76

TRIAL BALANCE.

*Treasurer of School Committee in account with Town of East
Bridgewater.*

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Appropriations for schools.....	\$5,500 00
Appropriations for school incidentals.....	600 00
Appropriations for repairs on school-houses.....	600 00
Received of County Treasurer, dog licenses	187 94
Received from Mass. school fund.....	200 00
Balance unexpended March 1, 1873.....	242 91
Received for book sold.....	16 25
Refunded on bill for glazing.. ..	1 00
Received of town of West Bridgewater, tuition....	154 54
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	\$7,502 64

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Paid salaries of teachers.....	\$5,316 00
Cost of fuel and school incidentals.. ..	655 41
Miscellaneous expenses.....	436 76
Repairing school property....	122 13
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Amount Orders paid by Town Treasurer.....	\$6,530 30
Balance unexpended.....	\$972 34

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Committee, and find the amount of orders drawn upon the Town Treasurer to be \$6,530.30, which are correctly entered and vouched for.

EDMUND W. NUTTER, }
WILLIAM ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

THE ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

East Bridgewater,

FOR THE

Financial Year Ending Feb. 1, 1875.

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 1, 1875.

PLYMOUTH:

AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
CORNER COURT AND NORTH STREETS.

1875.

TOWN OFFICERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, 1874.

TOWN CLERK.

JACOB A. ROGERS.

TREASURER.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

COLLECTOR.

E. S. WHITMARSH.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

E. S. WHITMARSH, ELIAB LATHAM, CHARLES H. GOSS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM ALLEN, E. W. NUTTER, JAS. S. ALLEN, for 3 years.
ASA T. WHITMAN, M. P. McLAUTHLIN, JARVIS BURRELL, 2 years.
FRANKLIN KEITH, GEO. W. HARDEN, HENRY GURNEY, 1 year.

AUDITORS.

JOHN W. KENNAN, MILLARD E. BROWN, CHAS. H. EDSON

CONSTABLES.

SIDNEY PACKARD, BENJAMIN SIDDALL, JOHN H. SCRIBNER.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

District No. 1. John Lane.
" " 2. Henry Gurney.
" " 3. Nathl Southworth.
" " 4. Galen Willis, 2nd.
" " 5. Francis Hayward.
" " 6. John T. Sampson.
" " 7. Asa T. Whitman.
" " 8. Willis Harder.
" " 9. William Keene.
" " 10. George W. Harden.

District No, 11. Isadus Fuller.
" " 12. Mark P. Hndson.
" " 13. Charles Lincoln.
" " 14. Chas. A. Latham.
" " 15. Martin Parris.
" " 16. Luther Churchill.
" " 17. Joseph Morse.
" " 18. William Lincoln.
" " 19. Lewis Delano.

POUND KEEPER.

ALLEN WASHBURN.

FENCE VIEWERS.

ISAAC HATCH, FRANCIS HAYWARD.

FIELD DRIVERS.

ALLEN WASHBURN, JOHN H. HATHAWAY, ARTHUR HARRIS.

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK.

WARREN K. CHURCHILL.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.

CHARLES H. EDSON, JOHN E. WATERMAN.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS.

HENRY A. GROW.

SEXTON.

SIDNEY PACKARD.

Report of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

TO THE VOTERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER:

We submit for your consideration a report of Expenditures for the year ending February 1st, 1875, with a statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Town :

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEB. 1ST, 1874, to FEB. 1ST, 1875.

Eunice S. Bryant...	\$48 00	Rachel B. Underwood	\$96 00
Harriet Eddy.....	48 00	Eldridge Winsor.....	72 00
Sarah B. Gould.....	48 00	Charles L. Jones.....	72 00
Sarah C. Hudson.....	72 00	Deborah O. Jones.....	48 00
Susan E. Hall.....	64 00	Sophronia Carter.....	48 00
Betsey A. Hale.....	48 00	Lydia P. Osborne.....	72 00
Mary Hudson.....	48 00	Harriet S. Packard.....	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter.....	48 00	Eliza F. Dyer.....	44 00
Jeremiah Reardon.....	48 00	Ann M. Caswell.....	4 00
William Reardon.....	48 00		
Mary S. Ripley.....	48 00		\$1,168 00
Lydia A. Sylvester.....	48 00	Amount paid in Jan., 1875....	80 00
Thankful O. Trow.....	48 00		\$1,248 00

HIGHWAYS.

At the Annual Meeting, held March 16, 1874, the Town voted, "That the money raised for the repairs of highways be appropriated as follows: one-third on the number of rods of road in each district, and the balance according to the valuation of property in the several districts, as near as may be."

Under the above vote, the Selectmen made the following apportionment, and have drawn orders, for labor and materials, in favor of the following persons:

No. 1.		No. 4.	
JOHN LANE, <i>Surveyor</i> .		GALEN WILLIS, 2nd, <i>Surveyor</i> .	
Apportionment...	\$174 40	Apportionment.....	\$104 54
John Lane.....	105 65	Galen Willis, 2nd.....	57 29
Aaron Hobart.....	26 50	Galen Willis... ..	11 00
Patrick Carroll.....	17 50	Richard S. Higgins.....	3 60
Kimball E. Sheldon.....	24 75	Lemuel Dunbar.....	2 00
	\$174 40	Francis A. Nash.....	12 00
		Waldo Hayward.....	6 65
		Joshua Hollis.....	9 10
		John Dean.....	2 90
			\$104 54
No. 2.		No. 5.	
HENRY GURNEY, <i>Surveyor</i> .		FRANCIS HAYWARD, <i>Surveyor</i> .	
Apportionment.....	\$194 43	Apportionment.....	\$38 32
Henry Gurney.....	132 22	Francis Hayward.....	15 97
John B. Thayer.....	11 80	Galen Willis.....	2 00
Eleazer Whitman.....	17 30	Waldo and Herbert Hayward.	10 73
George W. Mellen.....	3 80	James Perrigo	1 44
Benj. H. Fisher.....	2 00	Galen and David Allen.....	8 18
Josiah E. Noyes.....	2 65		
George R. Dyer.....	3 35		
Benjamin R. Robinson.....	3 30		
	\$176 42		\$38 32
No. 3.		No. 6.	
NATHANIEL SOUTHWORTH, <i>Surveyor</i> .		JOHN T. SAMPSON, <i>Surveyor</i> .	
Apportionment.....	\$121 67	Apportionment.....	\$116 48
Nathaniel Southworth.....	99 00	John T. Sampson.....	48 19
A. Martin.....	18 00	Walter W. Richmond.....	14 60
Zenas Sturtevant.....	4 00	Ossian Sharp.....	2 00
	\$121 00	Amount carried forward...	\$64 79

<i>Amount brought forward...</i>	\$64 79
Joseph Morse.....	2 25
Otis Bisbee.....	5 25
Thomas G. Stetson.....	11 00
Eli B. French.....	10 00
Samuel Reed.....	3 60
Frederic G. Bisbee.....	1 00
Levi T. Gurney.....	4 00
Galen Willis.....	1 00
Isaac F. Lobdell.....	10 49
C. Conant.....	40
Asa W. Bates.....	2 70

\$116 48

No. 7.

ASA T. WHITMAN, *Surveyor*.

Apportionment.....	\$55 98
Asa T. Whitman.....	22 45
William F. Keen.....	1 33
Josiah E. Noyes.....	2 35
George W. Mellen.....	3 00
Benj. H. Fisher.....	16 00
Henry Gurney.....	2 25
Olpha Keen.....	8 60

\$55 98

No. 8.

WILLIS HARDEN, *Surveyor*.

Apportionment.....	\$104 57
Willis Harden.....	30 78
Galen Willis.....	1 00
Nathaniel W. French.....	2 04
Lucius Harden.....	15 00
Calvin S. Whitman.....	4 00
George W. Blanchard.....	4 00
Augustus W. Blanchard.....	8 00
Joseph Ramsdell.....	11 75
Marshall N. Humble.....	10 00
Francis B. Chamberlain.....	10 00
Cephas A. Porter.....	4 00
William Keen.....	4 00

\$104 57

No. 9.

WILLIAM KEEN, *Surveyor*.

Apportionment.....	\$84 98
William Keen.....	26 80
Cephas A. Porter.....	18 50
Samuel C. Smith.....	4 60
William H. Keen.....	5 00
Chas H. Whiting.....	2 00
R. F. Copeland.....	22 03
John Burgess.....	6 00

\$84 93

No. 10.

GEORGE W. HARDEN, *Surveyor*.

Apportionment.....	\$80 43
George W. Harden.....	43 93
Josiah Hathaway.....	4 50
Allen Washburn.....	32 00

\$80 43

No. 11.

ISADUS FULLER, *Surveyor*.

Apportionment.....	\$95 95
Isadus Fuller.....	27 48
George W. Harden.....	22 50
Alfred Edson.....	13 00
Frank McCarter.....	3 00
Martin Round.....	16 00
Allen Washburn.....	1 90
Elbridge G. Lyon.....	4 50
Sears R. Frost.....	6 00
John T. Pratt.....	1 00

\$95 38

No. 12.

MARK P. HUDSON, *Surveyor*.

Apportionment.....	\$247 78
Mark P. Hudson.....	104 50
George F. Keith.....	18 70
Levi W. Noyes.....	32 00
Henry G. Hill.....	11 80
Samuel C. Davenport.....	12 50
Luther J. Nason.....	11 55
Galen Latham.....	5 75

Amount carried forward... \$196 80

<i>Amount brought forward...</i>	\$196 80
George W. Sprague.....	5 50
William Mitchell.....	4 50
Eliphalet S. Davenport.....	1 00
Levi B. Parker.....	11 10
Samuel J. Hoyt.....	4 00
A. S. Churchill.....	4 00
Nicholas Wade.....	16 00
Loring Tilden.....	4 80
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	\$247 70

No. 13.

CHARLES LINCOLN, *Surveyor.*

Apportionment.....	\$128 43
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Charles Lincoln.....	47 20
Charles W. Lincoln.....	35 60
Ruel A. Lincoln.....	28 60
Eliab Latham.....	11 00
Robert Wade.....	6 00
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	\$128 40

No. 14.

CHARLES A. LATHAM, *Surveyor.*

Apportionment.....	\$68 39
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Charles A. Latham.....	23 34
Galen Latham.....	11 40
Eliab Latham.....	9 00
Timothy Mitchell.....	12 60
Eliphalet H. Brown.....	8 00
Luther Wade.....	4 05
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	\$68 39

No. 15.

MARTIN PARRIS, *Surveyor.*

Apportionment.....	\$42 60
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Martin Parris.....	24 25
Cyrus Munroe.....	6 75
Eldridge Winsor.....	4 00
Henry B. Rogers.....	1 00
Samuel L. Seaver.....	6 00
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	\$42 00

No. 16.

LUTHER CHURCHILL, *Surveyor.*

Apportionment.....	\$33 98
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Luther Churchill.....	5 00
David Gurney.....	3 00
Mecenna Whitman.....	3 75
Nathaniel Beal.....	2 00
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	\$13 75

No. 17.

JOSEPH MORSE, *Surveyor.*

Apportionment.....	\$89 66
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Joseph Morse.....	10 76
Waldo Hayward.....	14 90
Otis Grover.....	12 00
David Allen.....	3 90
George H. French.....	3 00
Jason M. French.....	3 00
Sidney Allen.....	8 20
Galen Allen.....	3 90
Jas. M. Perrigo.....	6 00
Luther Richards.....	3 00
Francis Hayward.....	21 00
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	\$89 66

No. 18.

WILLIAM LINCOLN, *Surveyor.*

Apportionment.....	\$27 53
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Michael Noonan.....	4 03
Patrick Noonan.....	6 00
Bartley Curran.....	6 00
S. W. Richmond.....	3 50
John Noonan.....	6 00
Galen Willis.....	2 00
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	\$27 53

No. 19.

LEWIS DELANO, *Surveyor.*

Apportionment.....	\$189 88
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Lewis Delano.....	83 10
William R. Hathaway.....	6 00
E. Bridgewater Iron Co.....	32 75
Erland Thayer.....	7 00
John Canney.....	15 75
Henry G. Humphrey.....	3 20
David Roach.....	40 89
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	\$188 69

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Repaired under the Direction of the Selectmen.

We have drawn orders, for labor and materials, in favor of the following persons :

Joseph Morse.....	\$4 60	<i>Amount brought forward...</i>	\$428 83
David Roach	82 20	East Bridgewater Iron Co....	25 60
Eleazer Whitman.....	1 40	Leonard Hill.....	3 30
Josiah E. Noyes.....	6 10	E. P. Reed & Co.....	57 02
John Lane	8 58	F. G. Lombard	7 50
Galen Latham.....	3 10	Michael Noonan.....	5 00
Samuel D. Shaw.....	3 34	Nathaniel Southworth.....	19 02
Francis Hayward	9 00	George W. Harden.....	173 30
Herbert Hayward.....	7 60	Eliab Latham.....	30 50
James M. Perrigo.....	2 67	Zebina Keith, Jr.....	3 25
Galen Allen	2 40	Frank McCarter	99
David Allen.....	2 40	Edward W. Barrows.....	5 13
Oakes S. Soule.....	97 93	E. Whitmarsh	2 40
Henry Gurney.....	13 75	Town Team.....	3 50
Barna Everson.....	9 00	Caleb Goss	31 85
Asa T. Whitman.....	1 50	Stephen Harlow.....	10 50
William Lincoln.....	30 77	I. N. Nutter, Guardian.....	18 80
Chas. H. Goss.....	23 75	Michael Noonan.....	1 00
Cyrus Howard.....	10 00	Henry G. Hill.....	2 70
Joseph Morse.....	65 24	Asa Millett.....	25 00
Heirs of S. G. Alden.....	43 50	Nathaniel W. French	2 00
		Newton M. Keene.....	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward....</i>	\$428 83		<hr/>
			\$859 19

BUILDING THAT PORTION of PLYMOUTH STREET

Recently Widened by the County Commissioners :

Paid Charles H. Goss.....	\$3 00	<i>Amount brought forward...</i>	\$569 49
S. H. Estes	342 07	Paid Samuel Keith.....	8 25
Martin Sumner.....	41 19	Eliab Latham.....	22 52
Patrick Quigley.....	4 00	Barney Sheridan.....	9 00
Geo. W. Harden.....	153 40	E. Brooks Brown.....	5 00
Patrick Carroll.....	2 00	Mark Willis.....	4 00
Enoch Freeman.....	22 33	Lewis Hayward.....	1 00
Zebina Keith, Jr.....	1 50		<hr/>
<i>Amount carried forward....</i>	\$569 49		\$619 26

Building the sidewalks and setting the trees on the above road, has been done under the direction and at the sole expense of Williams Latham, Esq., of Bridgewater, an honored son of this town, whose public spirit and liberality will be gratefully remembered.

ROAD AT ELMWOOD.

Paid William Perkins,..... \$183 00

The County Commissioners last autumn notified the Selectmen that the above road must be built, and although our appropriation was then exhausted, we decided it would be for the interest of the town, to build it, and have done so at the above cost.

REPAIRING CENTRAL STREET.

Paid Nath'l Southworth.....	\$98 28
Alfred Edson,.....	10 00
Frank McCarter.....	7 50
Ezra Whitmarsh.....	12 60
Edward W. Barrows.....	41 12
Almshouse team.....	10 50
Nath'l K. Richardson.....	15 00
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	\$195 00

STOCKING ROBBINS' POND WITH HERRINGS.

Paid S. Hinckley, for herrings.....	\$20 25
Bosworth Bros., carting.....	63 50
Sam'l Keith, for shad spawn and expenses,.....	9 20
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	\$92 95

GUIDE BOARDS.

Guide Boards have been maintained during the year, at the same locations as at the last annual report, and are in fair condition.

SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Paid I. N. Nutter, Treasurer of Committee on Decoration and Dedication of Monument. \$300 00

We have not built a Lock-up, for the reason that we have been unable to find a suitable location, at a reasonable price.

SHOVELING SNOW.

Orders have been drawn in favor of the following persons, for shoveling Snow :

Charles Thrasher.....	\$5 18	<i>Amount brought forward...</i>	\$17 78
Sears R. Frost.....	1 50	Samuel C. Smith.....	2 25
Nathaniel K. Richardson....	3 00	Mark P. Hudson	2 00
Henry G. Hill	60	Charles A. Latham.....	1 50
Ebenezer Tisdale.....	4 00	Cyrus Monroe	7 00
John B. Porter	1 50	Chas H. Goss.....	6 00
P. Blomstram.....	2 00		
<i>Amount carried forward ...</i>	<i>\$17 78</i>		<i>\$36 53</i>

*INCIDENTAL EXPENSES AND ABATEMENT OF
TAXES.*

Franklin Edson, abatement of taxes of '73	\$10 00
Paid Luther W. Phillips, damages sustained at Jack- son's bridge	5 00
Jones & Holmes, advertising	1 50
Harlow Harden, repairs on Town Hall.....	1 00
Thomas Keith, surveying.....	2 00
Avery & Doten, printing town reports for 1874..	172 75
Jarvis Burrill, printing.....	9 25
Jones & Holmes, "	6 25
Books, stationery and postage stamps.....	22 74
Jacob Bates, surveying.....	1 75
W. J. Gilbert, repairing and oiling of hearse harness.....	3 00
Martin Sumner, repairs on hook & ladder house.	88
Edw'd W. Barrows, " " "	2 00
Ezra Kingman, for decoration May 30th, '74....	50 00
Abatement of taxes for 1874.....	60 01
E. S. Whitmarsh, railroad fares	14 60
I. N. Nutter, record book.....	5 50
Willard Johnson, nails for bridges... ..	1 92
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	\$370 15

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edmund W. Nutter, Auditor, '74.....	\$7 00
William Allen, " "	5 00
Wyman C. Fickett, School Committee.....	10 00
Baalis Sanford, " "	18 58
George A. Wheeler, Selectman from Feb. 1st, to March 16th.....	9 75
Jacob A. Rogers, Selectman from Feb. 1st, to March 16th.....	52 70
E. S. Whitmarsh, Committee on road '73 & '74..	5 00
William H. Osborne, Moderator.....	5 00
William Allen, School Committee ..	57 00
Edmund W. Nutter, " "	50 00
John J. Shaw, " "	12 00
Martin P. McLauthlin, " "	38 21
Sidney Packard, Sexton for thirteen months....	166 60
Sidney Packard, Constable, posting 3 warrants..	9 00
Benj. Siddall, " " 4 " ..	20 00
Jacob A. Rogers, Town Clerk,.....	63 09
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector.....	130 36
Isaac N. Nutter, Treasurer.....	100 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, Selectman, Assessor and Over- seer of the Poor.....	242 50
Eliab Latham, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.....	96 50
Chas. H. Goss, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,.....	28 00
Henry Gurney, School Committee.....	3 50

 \$1,129 79.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For State Aid,.....	\$1,248 00
Repairs of highways under the direction of the Highway Surveyors.....	1,958 57
Repairs of roads, bridges and culverts under the direction of the Selectmen,.....	859 19
Building Satucket road.....	619 26
“ Elmwood road.....	183 00
Repairs on Central street	195 00
Shoveling snow	36 53
Decorating Monument.....	300 04
Stocking Robbins' Pond with herrings.....	92 55
Aid to poor, last year	298 40
Almshouse use	453 16
Aid to poor persons out of Almshouse	861 83
Payment of Town Officers	1,129 79
Incidental expenses and Abatement of taxes,	370 15
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	\$8,605 47

We have paid bills to the amount of \$1,106 44, for which no money was raised by the town, viz:

For Decoration	\$350 00
Poor last year.....	298 44
Road at Elmwood	183 00
Central street.....	195 00
Bills incurred last year, but not paid.....	80 00
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	\$1,106 44

We have paid all bills contracted by us, and know of no bill against the town.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We recommend no specific sums to be raised or appropriated. We see no need of any increase. Your rate of taxation is lower than for many years and in our opinion a further reduction can and should be made. We would suggest, that in the matter of appropriations, you take more interest than you usually have done.

TOWN MEETING.

Copy of Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Meeting, to be held March 1st, 1875, at 1 o'clock, P. M. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the reports of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges.

ARTICLE 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the Collection of Taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize the sale of the Nath'l S. Bouldry estate.

ARTICLE 9. To act on a list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.

LIST OF JURORS.

We submit for your consideration the following list of inhabitants of the Town, whom we think qualified to serve as Jurors :

James S. Allen,	Simeon C. Keith,
Eleazer C. Bennett,	Zebina Keith, Jr.,
Frederic S. Churchill,	Eliab Latham,
Luther Churchill, Jr.,	Edmund W. Nutter,
Daniel Edson,	Daniel Nash,
Franklin Edson,	Isaac P. Miner,
Edward F. Field,	Martin P. McLauthlin,
Caleb Goss,	Addison Pratt,
Henry Gurney,	Francis W. Porter,
Luther Harden,	Oliver Pratt,
Reuben Harden,	Martin Sumner,
Francis Hayward,	Samuel D. Shaw,
John Hobart,	Frederic S. Strong,
Eliis W. Holmes,	Frank Smith,
Aaron Hobart,	Samuel Shaw,
David G. Hubbard,	Asa T. Whitman,
William M. Judkins,	Benjamin M. White,
Ezra Kingman,	Eleazer Whitman,
George M. Keith,	George A. Wright,
John Kennon,	John E. Waterman,
Samuel Keith,	Noah A. Washburn,
Thomas Keith,	Leopold J. Voigt.

E. S. WHITMARSH,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>E. Bridgewater.</i>
ELIAB LATHAM,	
CHAS. H. GOSS,	

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and find all the items duly entered and properly vouched for.

C. H. EDSON,	} <i>Auditors.</i>
M. E. BROWN,	

East Bridgewater, Feb. 12th, 1875.

Assessors' Report.

VALUATION FOR 1874.

Real estate assessed.....	\$983,500 00
Personal estate.....	310,245 00
	<hr/> \$1,293,745 00
Number of polls.....	839
Rate of taxation.....	.013
State tax ..	\$2,140 00
County tax.....	1,791 96
Town tax.....	14,200 00
Add for convenience.....	364 73
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Committed for collection, Sept. 1st.....	\$18,496 69
Subsequently committed.....	6 23
	<hr/> \$18,502 92 <hr/>
Tax on 839 polls, at \$2.00 each.....	\$1,678 00
Tax on \$1,293,745, at \$13.00 on the \$1,000.....	\$16,818 68½
	<hr/> \$18,496 68½
Number of acres of land taxed.....	11,037
houses taxed.....	586
horses taxed.....	380
cows taxed.....	387
sheep taxed.....	62

APPROPRIATIONS BY THE TOWN FOR 1874.

For schools	\$5,500 00
school incidentals	600 00
building wood house	500 00
repairs of highways by Surveyors	2,000 00
repairs of highways by Selectmen	800 00
building Plymouth Street road	600 00
building lock-up	500 00
support of poor	2,000 00
payment of town officers	1,000 00
incidental expenses	500 00
removing snow	100 00
stocking Robbins' Pond with herrings	100 00
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	\$14,200 00

E. S. WHITMARSH, ELIAB LATHAM, CHAS. H. GOSS,	} <i>Assessors.</i>
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Report of Overseers of the Poor.

ALMSHOUSE.

DR.

To inventory, Feb. 1, 1874.....	\$2,695 36	
Warden's salary for one year.....	308 33	
Dr. Samuel A. Orr, medical attend- ance	25 00	
Cash from the treasury.....	119 83	
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By inventory, Feb. 1, 1875.....	\$2,438 20	
Cost of supporting the poor at Alms- house.....	710 32	
	<hr/>	\$3,148 52
Whole number of inmates during the year.....		12
Average number (nearly).....		6 $\frac{3}{4}$
Cost per week for support.....		\$2 02

Present Inmates.

Calvin Eaton.....	75 years of age.
Lysander Bourne.....	66 years of age.
Ard Edson.....	82 years of age.
George H. Savory.....	57 years of age.
Adeline H. Keen.....	52 years of age.

During the year two deaths have occurred, and five boys have been discharged. For three months, ending Feb. 1st, only eighteen persons have applied for lodgings.

*SUPPLIES FURNISHED POOR PERSONS LAST
YEAR, BUT NOT REPORTED.*

Mrs. Bouldry and Vickery from Nov. 10th, '73, to Feb. 1st, '74,	\$60 00
Mrs. Eliza Worthington and child from Sept. 1st, '73, to Feb. 1st, '74	16 50
Mrs. Deborah Bates and son to Feb. 1st, '74.....	31 67
Mr. Orrin Parris to Feb. 1st, '74	23 50
Mrs. Melissa Mitchell to Feb. 1st, '75.....	54 72
Mrs. James Conner and children to Feb. 1st, '74....	42 55
Mr. Leander Osborne to Feb. 1st, '74,	12 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of	
Nath'l S. Bouldry for January, 1874.....	15 50
Miss Sybil P. Dunbar, " "	4 00
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Reed, " "	9 00
Miss Lucina Mitchell, " "	4 00
Paid Dr. Sam'l A. Orr, for attendance on poor last year, reported, but not paid.....	25 00
	<hr/> \$298 44

*ASSISTANCE TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE
ALMSHOUSE.*

Paid town of Hanson, for aid to Mrs. Eliza Worthing- ton, from Feb. 1st, to March 16th, '74	\$4 50
for Orrin Parris from Feb. 1st, to April 1st, '74..	12 00
Paid town of South Scituate for aid to Mr. Leander Osborne from Feb. 1st, to March 21st, '75..	11 27
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$27 77

<i>Amount brought forward</i> ,.....	\$27 77
Paid for supplies for Mrs. Bouldry and Vickery from Feb. 1st, to April 1st, '74	42 50
City of Lynn for aid to Mrs. Jas. Conner and children	102 00
for aid to Miss Lucina Mitchell ...	52 00
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Reed and children.....	68 00
State Lunatic Hospital for support of Nath'l S. Bouldry	196 62
for aid to Miss Sybil P. Dunbar.....	52 00
Mrs. Deborah Bates and son	100 00
Misses J. S. and M. P. Washburn.....	34 75
Mr. Joseph M. Whitman.....	30 75
Mr. John Thayer.....	26 25
City of New Bedford for aid to Melissa Mitchell	50 04
City of Lowell for aid to and burial of James Quinn.....	23 00
Mrs. Ellen E. Cole.....	12 00
Mrs. Anna C. Sturtevant.....	4 00
for aid to Thomas Kidder	19 15
George H. Barden... ..	21 00
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	\$861 83

Deduct the amount of aid to the four last named persons..... 56 15

Net expense..... \$805 68

We have received from the towns of Middleboro and Halifax, the amount of aid rendered to Mrs. Cole and Sturtevant, and for the aid rendered to Messrs. Kidder and Barden, we have filed a claim for re-imbursement from the State.

E. S. WHITMARSH,	} Overseers of the Poor.
ELIAB LATHAM,	
CHAS. H. GOSS,	

Collector's Report.

I have completed the Collection of Taxes, for the year 1874, and report :

Interest collected,..... \$127 72

I have received the following abatements, viz :

William N. Shaw.....	\$6 50	<i>Amount brought forward...</i>	\$33 10
John A. Shaw.....	2 60	John A. Manchester.....	2 00
Charles G. Cox.....	2 00	Richard McGee.....	2 00
John S. Chapin.....	2 00	Bartley Noonan.....	2 00
Thomas Conroy.....	2 00	John O'Neil.....	2 00
Austin Dodge.....	2 00	James K. Pettingill.....	2 00
Stephen Daniels.....	2 00	Charles H. Reed.....	2 00
Elihu T. Ellis.....	2 00	Ira H. Sumner.....	2 91
Dan. Hoyt.....	2 00	Jason Smith.....	2 00
William F. Hudson.....	2 00	Cushing White, Jr.....	2 00
Daniel Johnson.....	2 00	Edward White.....	2 00
Eli Johnson.....	2 00	Joseph M. Whitman.....	2 00
Charles M. Lebrece.....	2 00	Thomas Berry.....	2 00
Daniel E. Littlefield.....	2 00	Martin Nickerson.....	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward...</i>			\$60 01

Seventeen of the above named persons are not in the Commonwealth, or their residence is unknown to me. One is dead. Four not taxable. Five are living in Town.

E. S. WHITMARSH, *Collector.*

TOWN HALL.

Town Hall Receipts and Expenditures for the year ending
Feb. 1st, 1875.

Total amount of receipts	\$164 00
Total amount expended	\$108 00
Paid Town Treasurer	30 00
Cash on hand	26 00
	————— \$164 00

Total earnings of the Hall over expenses, \$56 00

J. A. ROGERS, *Janitor.*

DOGS.

Under the Act concerning dogs, &c., the Town Clerk has received for licenses, the sum of \$254.40, since the first of May, 1874, and the same has been paid to the County Treasurer according to law.

Report of Town Treasurer.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer, in account with Town.*

DR.

Balance as by previous report,	\$3,501 12
Cash of Town of Halifax, aid furnished Mrs. Wm. E. Sturtevant	4 00
Market National Bank, borrowed on Town Note	2,000 00
E. Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed on Town Note	1,000 00
J. A. Rogers, Janitor of Town Hall	30 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, for old lumber sold	9 85
Town of Middleboro, aid furnished Mrs. Ellen E. Cole	12 00
Chas. Adams, Jr. State Trs. Corporation tax	1,350 31
“ “ “ Nat'l Bank Tax	1,173 80
“ “ “ State Aid	1,296 00
“ “ “ Income of Mass. School Fund	293 80
“ “ “ State Paupers	14 34
W. R. Seaver, County Treas., dividend on Dog Licenses	225 04
E. Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest	15 00
Town of W. Bridgewater, tuition of scholars	169 85
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector of Taxes	18,494 21
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, balance due on tax of 1874, including interest collected	136 43
	\$29,725 84

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By paid tax on property formerly owned by N. S.

Bouldry, tax of 1873 and 1874.....	\$14 07
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, for deeds of property sold for non-payment of taxes..	17 32
Town Notes for money borrowed.....	3,000 00
Interest on same.....	50 36
Town Bonds due Oct. 1, 1874.....	500 00
Interest on Town Bonds.....	423 40
County Tax.....	1,791 96
State Tax.....	2,140 00
Tax on property formerly owned by Phinley W. Reed and Geo. W. Deane, bid off by Town for non-payment of tax....	4 42
Orders drawn by Selectmen.....	8,605 47
Orders drawn by School Committee, out- standing at date of last report.....	345 30
Orders drawn by School Committee of 1874	7,215 72

\$24,108 02

Cash on hand..... 5,617 82

\$29,725 84

ISAAC N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

East Bridgewater, Feb. 12. 1875.

*ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.***ASSETS.**

Cash in Treasury	\$5,617 82
Due from State for State Aid	1,248 00
Uncollected bills in hands of Warden of Almshouse,	102 90
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	\$6,968 72

LIABILITIES.

Town bonds due Oct 1, 1875.	\$1,800 00
Oct. 1, 1876.....	1,900 00
Oct. 1, 1877.....	1,600 00
Interest on Town bonds, to be paid April 1.....	193 45
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	\$5,493 45
Assets in excess of Liabilities.....	1,475 27
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	\$6,968 72

Auditor's Report.

We have carefully examined the books of the Selectmen, School Committee, Treasurer and Collector, and respectfully submit the following report:

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer	\$8,605 47
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer	8,605 47

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer	\$7,215 72
Amount of orders paid by Treasurer	7,215 72

TREASURER.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, as per annual report of

1874	\$3,501 12
Amount received during the year	26,224 72
	<hr/> \$29,725 84
Amount paid out	24,108 02
Amount on hand, Feb. 12, 1875	5,617 82

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection	\$18,502 92
Amount of interest collected	127 72
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Total	\$18,630 64

The above amount has been paid into the Treasury, and the Treasurer's receipts therefor exhibited to us by the Collector.

J. W. KENNAN, C. H. EDSON, M. E. BROWN,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
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East Bridgewater, Feb. 12, 1875.

Report of the Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES.

Forty marriages have been recorded in East Bridgewater for the year 1874 :

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, Residence, &c.
1874.	
Jan. 4.	William L. Osborne and Sarah E. Osgood, both of North Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
Feb. 13.	Joseph Morris and Mary J. Rose, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
March 17.	William Glover, of Abington, and Abbie F. Pratt, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. H. A. Stevens.
April 1.	George E. Bates and Grace E. Chamberlain, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John Thompson.
April 5.	John S. Hobill, of Abington, and Addie Brown, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Charles A. Snow.
April 9.	Walter C. Shaw and Mary Alice Edson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
April 9.	Joze V. DeRoza and Maria J. DeMills, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. Ignatius.
April 16.	William D. Higgins and Lucinda M. Darling, both East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
May 3.	John Berkley and Eliza Murphy, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
May 6.	Stillman W. Ward and Edith Maria Conant, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Charles A. Snow.
May 14.	Wallace C. Ransden, of Bridgewater, and Emma Capen Soule, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, Residence, &c.
May 31.	Francis Donnelly, of East Bridgewater, and Ann Gallagher, of Arlington. By Rev. Joseph M. Finotti.
June 7.	Thomas L. Swift and Alice M. Tower, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. William F. Farrington.
June 11.	Henry A. Raymond and Hattie E. Raymond, both of Keene, N. H. By Rev. John W. Quinby.
June 13.	George C. Warwick and Adelaide H. Lawrence, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.
June 18.	Frank Edgar Freeman and Mary A. Leathers, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
June 23.	Charles Holmes and Hattie E. Allen, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
June 25.	Charles William Siddall and Elizabeth Matterson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. B. R. Gifford.
July 4.	Frank Alden, of Bridgewater, and Emma F. Sampson, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Theodore F. Wright.
July 7.	Orace Washburn, of East Bridgewater, and Hannah Corbett of Brockton. By Rev. T. M. House.
July 9.	John Henry Sharp and Delia E. Packard, both of Brockton. By Rev. Austin Dodge.
July 11.	Samuel J. Blois, of Abington, and Manuella H. Pratt, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. G. W. Anderson.
July 21.	Edward Y. Hayward and Susanna McDougald, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. M. House.
July 28.	John R. Bisbee and Georgiana A. Hyland, both of East Bridgewater. by Rev. Eaalis Sanford.
Aug. 6.	Morris C. Gould and Eldora A. Scribner, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
Aug. 8.	John A. Harding, of East Bridgewater, and Emma B Wood, of Halifax. By Joseph Peckham.
Aug. 16.	James B. Hudson, of East Bridgewater, and Lucia E. Perkins, of Bridgewater. By Rev. F. P. Hamblett.

- | Date. | Name of Groom and Bride, Residence, &c. |
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| Aug. 19. | Richard McKee and Mary H. Rierdon, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin. |
| Aug. 23. | Moses Lawrence and Mary Salina Blouin, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin. |
| Aug. 30. | George Herbert Benson and Lucinda Phillips Hudson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. G. W. Anderson. |
| Sept. 3. | John S. Eastman, of Taunton, and Ellen J. Mitchell, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. G. W. Anderson. |
| Sept. 5. | Daniel W. Winslow, of Hanover, and Hannah E. Studley, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. G. W. Anderson. |
| Sept. 14. | Henry G. Humphrey, of East Bridgewater, and Luella A. Pulson, of Boston. By W. H. Osborne, Esq., Justice of the Peace. |
| Sept. 20. | David W. Gurney and Amelia A. White, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John Thompson. |
| Sept. 30. | William H. Keene, of East Bridgewater, and Julia A. Wheaton, of Fall River. By Rev. S. H. Butler. |
| Oct. 21. | Charles Derby, of Abington, and M. Florence Rumsey, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. F. Farrington. |
| Nov. 1. | William Gallagher and Johanna Lines, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin. |
| Nov. 5. | Ellis B. Matthewson, of Weymouth, and Annis Augusta Edson, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John Thompson. |
| Nov. 22. | William F. Sturtevant and Abby Whiting, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sanford. |
| Sept. 26. | Charles G. Cox and Laura A. Dickerman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John W. Quinby. |

BIRTHS

Registered for the year 1874, including four not reported the previous year.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1873.		
Feb. 26,	Lyman Richards Allen.	James S. and Alice.
Sept. 1,	Lizzie Atwood Cummings.	Thomas W. and Jennette E.
Oct. 4,	Michael Edward O'Donnell.	Patrick and Catherine.
Nov. 24,	Frank Warren Clark.	Thomas H. and Helen E.
1874.		
Jan. 10,	John Mahoney.	Thomas and Hannah.
17,	Gracie Warren Flagg.	Francis R. and Mary L.
23,	George Morton Churchill.	Warren K. and Elizabeth H.
31,	Edward Wyman Fickett.	Wyman C. and Orianna E.
Feb. 7,	Ellen Maria Barrows.	Oliver C. and Ellen C.
10,	Honora Feeney.	Michael, Jr. and Mary.
17,	Lucy Wright Waterman.	Melzar and Lucy J.
March 7,	Maud Jeanette Whitman.	Ezekiel and Emma J.
9,	Ellen Porter Bates.	Albert and Lucretia.
16,	Emily Jane Clark.	Charles F. and Hattie F.
20,	John O'Brien.	Andrew and Mary.
27,	William French.	William H. and Almira.
April 11,	Benjamin Frederick Newhall.	Horace W. and Emma A.
16,	Frank Leonard Poole.	Peregrine W. and Mary J. E
17,	Arthur Stevens Burrill.	Simon and Mary M.
27,	Ernest Holmes.	Charles E. and H. Augusta.
30,	Hattie May Delano.	Charles M. and Carrie E.
May 1,	Josiah Hathaway.	Hosea and Cynthia.
12,	Patrick Hickey.	Michael and Catherine.
16,	Russell Clement Stevens.	Herbert K. and Ellen S.
June 7,	Dora Jane Howland.	John O. and Clarissa K.
July 5,	Emeline Maria Everson.	Wilmot V. and Fannie E.
21,	George Arthur Alden.	Arthur P. and Lorelia V.
25,	Charles E. Shaw.	Lyman and Fanny R.
August 7,	George Caldwell Rounsville.	Thomas S. H. and Adelia M.
13,	Sabina Agnes Ramsdell.	Albion L. and Hattie C.
16,	Sarah Foley.	Patrick and Mary.
24,	William Murphy.	William and Eliza.
Sept. 5,	Frederick William Wilson.	Charles A. and Ellen M.
10,	William Freeman Keith.	George F. and Mary H.
15,	George Albert Whitman.	Alphonzo and Clara Ann.
22,	Alice May Clark.	Andrew and Celia M.
Oct. 11,	Ambrose Vincent McLauthlin.	Martin P. and Elizabeth P.
14,	Thomas W. Kennedy.	Patrick and Mary.
23,	Jessie Marion Briggs.	Daniel and Louisa F.
30,	Herbert Bradford Brett.	William U. and Nancie M.
Dec. 18,	William Burk.	Michael and Ellen.
19,	Ella Isabel Ramsdell.	William G. and Ella A.
21,	Herbert Leland Erskine.	Frank D. and Cornelia.
21,	Herbert Blois.	Samuel J. and Manuella H.
23,	Francis Rodman Miner.	Isaac P. and Amanda H.
30,	Ezra Lawrence Keene	} twins. W. Frank and Hattie M.
30,	Lucy Maude Keene	

Number of Births in 1874, 44; Males, 28; Females, 16. Of Foreign parentage, 9.

J. A. ROGERS, Town Clerk.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER IN 1874.

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DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.		PLACE OF BIRTH.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
		Yrs.	Mos.			
Jan'y	14, Lottie Wright Young.	..	26	E. Bridgewater.	Erysipelas.	Andrew P. & Almira F., (Underwood)
	16, Mary Madigan.	..	8	Boston.	Teething.	Patrick and Honora.
	19, Charlotte Reed.	85	8	25 Abington.	Old Age.	Peleg Stetson and Ruth, (Gurney.)
	19, Caroline Wade.	72	7	6 Hanson.	Fever.	Isaac Wade and Lucy, (Wade.)
	20, Lydia L. Washburn.	73	1	13 Pembroke.	Kidney Complaint.	William Barstow and Lydia.
Feb.	23, Mary Neves.	1	10	.. Boston.	Croup.	Vincent Neves and Louisa.
	25, Elbridge W. Keene.	27	8	29 Bridgewater.	Consumption.	Aaron M. Keene & Abby A., (Robinson.)
	1, Priscilla J. Beals.	50	8	6 Hanover.	Neuralgia of Heart.	Ezekiel Turner and Priscilla.
	3, Ebenezer Osborne.	72	8	6 Scituate.	Paralysis.	Ebenezer Osborne & Elizabeth, (Rose.)
	15, James H. Gallagher.	21	5	15 E. Bridgewater.	Spinal Disease.	John Gallagher and Catherine.
March	21, Harriet F. Parris.	37	10	27 E. Bridgewater.	Consumption.	Orrin Parris and Eunice, (Kingman.)
	6, Samuel Baldwin Allen.	66	7	6 E. Bridgewater.	Lung Fever.	Barzillia Allen and Lucy, (Baldwin.)
	13, Patrick McGrath.	34	..	.. Ireland.	Consumption.	Rodger McGrath and Mary.
	15, Hannah Hathaway.	80	5	11 E. Bridgewater.	Old Age.	Thomas Osborne and Hannah, (Wade.)
	31, William French.	..	4	.. E. Bridgewater.	Conjestion of Lungs	William H. French & Almira D., (Har-
April	3, Maria L. Keith.	44	7	13 Goffstown, N.H.	Pneumonia.	[vey.]
	6, Alice F. Bourne.	67	10	9 Gorham, Me,	Heart Disease.	David Mourtou and Mary.
	11, Zeba Richards.	88	1	25 W. Bridgewater	Old Age.	Josiah Richards & Anna, (Robinson.)
	16, Alvin Holbrook.	70	2	2 Weymouth.	Pneumonia.	John Holbrook and Sarah, (Clark.)
	20, Bridget Campbell.	26	..	.. Ireland.	Lung Fever.	Richard Dalton and Bridget.
May	1, Polly A. Richards	48	3	7 E. Bridgewater.	Cancer.	Waldo Hayward and Nancy, (Alger.)
	3, Richard Bradford Hayward.	1	5	10 E. Bridgewater.	Canker.	Benjamin S. Hayward & Addie, (Alden.)
	11, Mary Nye	76	..	25 Rehoboth.	Gastric Fever.	John Smith and Mary.
	12, Lucy W. Waterman.	..	2	25 E. Bridgewater.	Canker.	Melzar Waterman & Lucy J., (Thrasher)
	18, Agnes Sheldon Smith.	..	18	.. E. Bridgewater.	Influenza.	Frank Smith and Alice G., (Bates.)
June	19, Richard Everett Hobart.	15	11	3 Abington.	Conjestion of Brain.	Henry Hobart and Mary T., (Burnap.)
	28, James M. Gurney.	56	..	.. Unknown.	Consumption.	James H. Gurney & Delpha., (Stetson.)
	13, Mary C. Hoyt.	85	10	.. New Salem, N.H	Paralysis.	James Peebles and Martha.
	22, Lucy J. Waterman.	24	11	9 E. Bridgewater.	Consump'n of Blood	Israel Thrasher and Lucy.

June 25, James Duggan.
 July 24, Charles Brown.
 Aug. 10, Dora P. Stuart.
 13, Patrick Campbell.
 19, Martha Ellen Hunt.
 Sept. 5, Mary Barrell.
 8, Margaret Augusta Smith.
 15, Samuel Prescott Allen.
 16, John P. Sampson.
 26, Samuel Shaw.
 Oct. 5, Noah Harding.
 5, Dolly West.
 5, Frederick A. Sears.
 15, Mary Lyon.
 21, Allen M. Porter.
 26, Sarah Jane Holbrook.
 29, John M. Costellow.
 Nov. 8, Phebe Beals.
 26, Sally Ramsdell.
 27, Margaret Orr Keene.
 Dec. 7, Jonah Edson.
 9, Charles G. Cox.
 18, William Desmond.
 25, Patrick T. Desmond.
 31, Herbert Blois.

39 ... Ireland.
 78 .. 18 E. Bridgewater.
 26 ... E. Bridgewater.
 .. 7 E. Bridgewater.
 .. 15 Boston.
 88 8 5 E. Bridgewater.
 .. 4 19 Providence, R. I.
 31 1 9 E. Bridgewater.
 84 5 22 Turner, Me.
 72 1 19 Weymouth.
 84 4 8 E. Bridgewater.
 78 Unknown.
 1 1 5 E. Bridgewater.
 61 5 .. Halifax.
 82 10 25 E. Bridgewater.
 63 11 21 E. Bridgewater.
 22 .. 3 E. Bridgewater.
 94 4 25 Randolph.
 85 2 4 E. Bridgewater.
 90 2 .. E. Bridgewater.
 82 8 19 W. Bridgewater.
 23 2 29 Marshfield.
 17 10 8 New York.
 21 9 5 New York.
 .. 10 E. Bridgewater.

Charles Brown and Elizabeth, (Pratt.)
 James G. and Sophia T., (Coe.)
 Lot Campbell and Bridget.
 James E. Hunt & Georgianna, (Bean.)
 Jonathan Alden and Hannah, (Green.)
 Rich. W. Smith & Georgiana, (Skillings)
 Sam'l B. Allen & Elizabeth M., (Sim-
 Seth Sampson and Appie, [mous.]
 Abram Shaw and Tirzah, (Blanchard.)
 John Harding and Lydia, (Hersey.)
 Names of parents unknown.
 Horace A. Sears & Carrie F., (Robinson)
 Cyrus Munroe & Christina, (Phillips.)
 John Porter and Susanna, (Groves.)
 Samuel Keene & Margaret O., (Clifts.)
 John Costellow and Bridget.
 Aaron Howard and Althea, (Allen.)
 Josiah Johnson and Eunice, (Allen.)
 Anthony W. Clift and Bethian, (Orr.)
 Noah Edson and Mary, (Willis.)
 Ebenezer Cox and Mercy, (Ewell.)
 William Desmond and Catherine.
 William Desmond and Catherine.
 Samuel J. Blois & Manuella H., (Pratt.)

Number of Deaths registered, 54; Males, 26; Females, 28. Of American birth, 51; of Foreign birth, 3. 22 persons were natives of East Bridgewater. 11 were less than 21 years of age; 14 were married, 5 were widowers, and 11 were widows.

J. A. ROGERS, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1875.

PLYMOUTH:
AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
CORNER COURT AND NORTH STREETS.
1875.

REPORT.

On the seventeenth of March last, the members of the School Committee met at the High School House, and organized by the choice of

Messrs. William Allen, Chairman, and Edmund W. Nutter, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. David G. Hubbard declining to serve, by a convention of the Selectmen and School Committee, April seventeenth, Rev. J. W. Quinby was chosen to fill the vacancy ; Mr. Quinby also declining office, on the first of May, Dr. John J. Shaw was elected to fill the post. Rev. Austin Dodge being about to leave town, and resigning his office, Mr. Martin P. McLauthlin was elected May ninth. Dr. Shaw also having removed from town, Mr. James S. Allen was chosen to succeed him.

Messrs. W. Allen, Nutter, and McLauthlin were appointed a Sub-Committee, to examine teachers and supervise the schools, and the following assignments were made :

To Mr. Allen,—the High School, Elmwood, Satucket, and Curtisville Schools.

To Mr. Nutter,—the Intermediate, Auburnville, Northville, and Eastville Schools.

To Mr. McLauthlin,—the three Primaries and Beaver School.

It is a fact worthy of note that the several teachers have continued in their positions throughout the year, with the exception of one :—Miss M. C. Pratt, so long a successful teacher among us, who was obliged to resign her connection with the Elmwood School about three weeks after the commencement of the second term, in consequence of ill health caused by injuries received from a fall. We were fortunate in obtaining, as her successor, Miss Ida M. Pratt, whose estimable qualities as an instructress are too well known to need further comment.

HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. WYMAN C. FICKETT, Principal ;

MISS MARIETTA K. JOHNSON, Assistant.

Continuing through the year under the care of the same teachers as in that preceding, the school has gone along upon the even tenor of its way. The substance of

what has been said in the Annual Reports of its progress since the present Principal took charge of it, four years ago, may with truth be said now. Here young gentlemen and ladies are trained in a thorough manner, according to the best light which can be furnished, in various branches admirably adapted to aid in the preparation of the young for still more advanced studies in higher Seminaries, or, as must be the case with many, at the close of their studies here, to prepare for the duties of life in the busy world.

At the close of the last school-year there was raised by subscription the sum of about thirty dollars, for defraying the expense of music lessons and the purchase of books of reference. During the Spring term of 1874, the proceeds of a Strawberry Festival were seventy dollars, for the same purpose.

The general conduct of the pupils has been excellent, making the relation between themselves and the teachers exceptionally pleasant.

The average attendance, computed by the rule of the Board of Education, was, viz: Spring term, .94; Fall term, .93; Winter term, .93.

As the last Report was printed previously to the graduation of the class of 1873, any special mention of them was necessarily omitted. It may be appropriate to here refer to the eleven who then left the school on the completion of the prescribed course of study. Their diplomas were presented by Hon. Abner J. Phipps, whose addresses.

both then and on the former day at the exhibition, were profitable and instructive. The essays read by the class exhibited a good degree of scholarship, and were an unmistakable proof of excellent instruction.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Mr. CHARLES H. DUNBAR, Principal;

Miss AGNES I. LUZARDER, Assistant.

Next to the High School, this is the largest and best graded of our schools. The course of study embraces a period of three years. As all the members of each class pursue the same studies and advance together in them the daily recitations are comparatively few, and the teachers have ample time to test the knowledge of the scholars, and aid them in thoroughly comprehending the subject of each lesson.

During the past year the school has maintained its former rank, and good progress has been made by the several classes. In regard to attendance, the school shows a creditable record, the average for the year being eighty-eight per cent. The first class numbers twenty-one scholars, who will be candidates for the High School at the beginning of the next term.

In addition to their other advantages, the pupils have had the benefit of instruction in vocal music, under the direction of Mr. L. W. Richards, the expense of which has been defrayed by a subscription among the members of the school.

MIXED SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS.

Beaver,.....	Miss HATTIE A. COBB.
Auburnville,.....	Miss FANNIE REED.
Northville,.....	Mr. WILLIAM H. TAYLOR.
Eastville,.	Miss LOTTIE K. RICHARDS.
Curtisville,	Miss ELLEN M. BUTTOMER.
Satucket,	Miss FANNIE M. HOLMES.
Elmwood,	Miss MARY C. PRATT ;
	Miss IDA M. PRATT.

With but one exception, these schools have remained through the year under the charge of the teachers employed at the beginning. The efforts of the teachers to promote the welfare of the'r pupils have been generally seconded by the pupils themselves. No case of insurbordination, and no complaint from pupil or parent, has been brought to the knowledge of the Committee. Nothing has occurred to interrupt the steady progress of the schools, except sickness, which in two of them has prevailed to some extent during the Winter term. We believe these schools have seldom been in a more satisfactory condition than at present. In a school composed of pupils between the ages of five and fifteen years, the chief obstacle to the success of the teacher is the difficulty of so arranging the classes as to give to each its proper share of attention. A better system of classification is

needed in these schools. This the Committee hope to furnish by the adoption of a course of study before the beginning of the next school-year. The attendance in the Beaver and Elmwood schools has increased the past year, the average number of pupils in the former being sixty, in the latter fifty-six. The task of governing and instructing so many pupils is too arduous to be successfully accomplished by a single teacher. Should the attendance in these schools be as large another year, a due regard for their interest will require the employment of assistants. No increase in the appropriation need be made on this account, as the balance in the treasury is more than sufficient to meet the additional expense.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS

CONSIST OF

THE WEST PRIMARY,

Miss GEORGIANNA KEITH, Teacher;

THE NORTH PRIMARY,

Miss LUCIA A. MILLETT, Teacher;

THE EAST PRIMARY,

Miss MARY E. ALDEN, Teacher.

These schools are not without their interest and importance. They are at once the pedestal and foundation upon which rest the superstructure and best success of the higher departments of our schools. The better the quality, and the greater the progress of these schools, the more the proficiency, and the higher the attainments, promised to those who pass from them through the regular gradations of our departmental system.

The curriculum of studies pursued in these schools the past year has been:—Reading, Writing, Spelling, Elementary Arithmetic, and Primary Geography. In one school, the West Primary, the latter study is accompanied with mural maps.

The school-buildings of this grade are not of the latest capaciousness, nor the best adapted to the rigor of our Northern climate; but in their structure, location, and appointments witness, more or less, to traditional habit and custom, except as regards modern improvements in furniture, and the air of tidiness which pervades their premises.

Our Primary Schools, fortunate in the possession of teachers wearing uniform kindness of bearing and genial temperament, have well enjoyed the favor and esteem of their pupils.

The progress of these schools compares well and favorably with most schools of their grade, and we need not go without their circuit to find model excellence. That the ideal of progress and of discipline has been the same in all these schools, we do not admit; but that they have accorded with the standard of quality dictated by the teacher, we will not deny.

Each school has its individual merit and characteristics. The teacher is the school,—the moving train,—while the pupils are the passengers, whose books are but sorry tickets except the train give safe conduct.

The intelligence of the age discovers the Primary school-room to be the cradle of golden hours,—hours which hold in their hands the earnest of life's best accomplishment. 'Tis here the mind is plastic, and yields with facile ease to the wand that directs its course. The Primary school-room, therefore, is capable of engaging the best and fullest energies of its teacher, as the achievements here made may often give direction to the whole life.

As regards the system of instruction pursued in our Primary schools, there obtains, to some extent, a colloquial practice in recitation. For instance, as soon as a class in Reading has read, the scholars are permitted to ask one another questions upon the subject-matter of their Reading lesson. We observed, in an exercise of this character, that the question was always asked before the name of the classmate who was to answer was called. The same practice also obtains in recitations of other branches of study. This varied system and manner of recitation trains to observation and concentration of attention, heightening the interest of the pupil in his studies, conducing to readiness and accuracy of mind, developing self-reliance and individuality, while, again, under this system, the school becomes the critical examiner of its own progress.

We are pleased to notice in our Primary School Readers many well selected pieces, which afford the teacher the opportunity to point the way to delicacy of feeling,

refinement of manner, and to the culture of those virtues which conduce to rectitude of character.

In Spelling, we have observed that the best practice in these schools allows one attempt only of the same word; if this prove a failure, the next scholar takes the word.

We regard it important that teachers should have their pupils read their Spelling lessons before requiring them to be studied; otherwise, injustice is sometimes done towards a pupil as well as his better progress retarded.

In our supervision, we have observed in the slate writing of Spelling lessons some specimens of a decidedly superior merit.

In Writing, some schools excel in the neatness of their books and forms of letters. The best success is where the teacher displays the finest model in her own hand, and teaches by frequent instructions from the black-board.

Geography we find what the teacher makes it,—either full of interest or dull and dry as a basket of chips.

Mural maps we regard as indispensable in the use of the text-book of Geography now in these schools; indeed, the author herself, in the preface to her work, presupposes them to be supplied wherever the book is used.

The progress in Arithmetic has been good; but we recommend frequent reviews of the elementary processes, and a constant familiarity with its elementary tables.

Drawing having been introduced into two of these schools, as a matter of experiment, has shown encouraging results,—both as regards the methods pursued and the interest awakened in the minds of the pupils.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

During the year repairs have been made on the East Primary house. The entry was enlarged by the removal of the staircase, and divided, making two, as separate entrances for boys and girls. Sinks were supplied, the ceiling of the entry raised, that of the school room replastered and the walls whitewashed and blackboards newly slated. A woodshed was built, here, and also for the North Primary.

In Curtisville the house has been repaired, painted, and new windows have been put in ; giving the building, without and within, a neat and cheerful aspect.

In regard to the West Primary house, it is important that the yard be enlarged, a fence built, the entry remodelled, the house painted inside, and a woodshed provided. The Beaver house should be painted within and without. Should the Northville school house yard be enlarged, according to the vote of the Town, it will be necessary to build a fence around it. The Committee recommend that appropriations be made for these purposes at the next Annual Meeting. Although some other houses need painting and repairing, we deem it advisable to defer further improvements until another year.

TEXT BOOKS, &c.

In this Department some changes have been made. Guyot's Physical Geography, deemed the best work of the kind, has been introduced into the High School. In the lower schools, when a class was to be supplied with copies of Geography, a new work prepared by Mary L. Hall, entitled "Our World," was furnished by the publishers at reduced prices, for introduction. The work consists of two parts, a full knowledge of which, it is believed, will furnish an ample course of geographical study in the preparatory departments. It is not so much the purpose of these two volumes to furnish a long list of names to be remembered and repeated, as to give scholars such vivid and lasting impressions of the physical features and political divisions of the globe as to heighten their interest in this and in kindred studies.

One of the branches most difficult to teach in our public schools is English Grammar. Many of the elderly people in this town will probably recall their recitations, in early life, of the definitions given in Lindley Murray's English Grammar. For example: to the question, "What is a common noun"? the answer read, "Common names or substantives stand for kinds containing many sorts, or for sorts containing many individuals under them." Murray's Grammar as a text book was dispensed with in our schools many years ago, but other grammars have come up in its stead which have been not much

clearer or more adapted to teach the correct use of the English Language. Many can testify from experience that they were obliged to learn blind rules, with little or no application, and this process with parsing was continued for years, without much actual advance in their ability to speak and write correctly. Aware of this the Committee decided to introduce into the Intermediate and Mixed schools a small work, entitled "Swinton's Language Lessons." We do not claim perfection for this work, but it seems in some degree to meet a want hitherto unsupplied. Certainly, the classes which have engaged in the study of it appear to have made creditable progress. After years of experience, we have come to the conclusion that it is one of the most difficult things to write a common sense school-book. It is a pleasure here to say that one text-book has been used in our schools which has come the nearest, so far as we are acquainted, to the ideal; we refer to Warren Colburn's "First Lessons in Arithmetic." That small volume first published in 1823, appeared in the village school house fifty years ago this winter. Although the book is not now in use in our schools, we think it may truly be said that whatever merit there is in later publications upon Intellectual Arithmetic, originated, if not wholly, certainly to a great degree, with Colburn.

The task of teaching Grammar has been found greater than that of instruction in Arithmetic. To acquire a thorough knowledge of our own English Language is an

arduous work, which cannot be begun too early. To attain clearness of thought and the ability to express one's ideas in the clearest language, is of the utmost importance.

In accordance with this sentiment, great care is used by our teachers, constantly to exercise the minds of children in writing and speaking correctly.

In some of our schools, attention has of late, been given to drawing, and it has been wonderful how readily the faculties of children have been called out when such exercises have been given at suitable times. It has been demonstrated that Drawing can be taught as readily as Arithmetic. Perhaps some may suppose that it is only an accomplishment, it is much more ; it is becoming—it has become—a necessity. It has been stated on competent authority “ that every branch of manufactures in which the citizens of Massachusetts are engaged, requires in the detail of the processes connected with it, some knowledge of Drawing and other arts of design on the part of the skilled workmen engaged.” Like Music, Drawing tends to promote physical health by cheering the mind,—as adigression from too severe application to other studies. Emphatically it fosters a taste for the beautiful.

We are here led to speak of the great value of *Object-teaching* in connection with the youngest scholars, and of objective teaching for the older ones. Whatever matter is to be taught, just so far as it can be reasonably done,

the subject should be illustrated. Wall-maps are much needed. The Committee hope to have them furnished before the close of the present term. Our schools need valuable books of reference, tasteful pictures, models, casts, etc. We wish the pupils in our schools to have a practical knowledge of common things. How few persons of mature age have a comprehensive knowledge of the animals common to New England ; its trees, its rocks, etc. Each of our schools should have its cabinet amply stored with specimens and apparatus adapted to its peculiar needs.

One of our New England educators, on his return from a recent visit in Vienna, gave an account of a school in that city whose "apparatus and other provisions" were admirably arranged to meet the needs of the grade of our American High Schools. With what we should consider at first thought, a most lavish expenditure of *twenty-five thousand dollars*, not one article was for show, but to perform some practical service. It is said of it :

"There is a fine apparatus for experiments in Natural Philosophy; then, there is a cabinet of minerals and fossils to illustrate Geology; there is a splendid museum of preserved specimens in Natural History, — animals, fishes, insects, shells, etc. Physiology has its complete and admirable cabinets, Architecture its various models, and Commerce its orderly array of the products of every clime, so far as practicable, as they appear in growth and in the processes of manufacture. The Fauna and Flora

of the world contribute a complete outfit for the study of Botany, and the arts the pieces of mechanism through which they accomplish their wonderful fabrications. Outside of these, and other provisions which pertain to specific subjects, there is a large, miscellaneous collection of the various objects which are likely to be referred to in the progress of study, and with which the youth ought to be practically conversant.

“What a marked and effective character the teaching must have in a school so furnished! What a stirring up there must be of the perceptions in connection with every study! What vivid and accurate impressions, what open door-ways into the loving embraces of Nature herself, what stores of data for the profitable activities of thought!”

We wish to suggest to the friends of our Schools no extravagance, but to go on with such means as are within their reach, assured that by carrying out the idea above expressed, the thirst for knowledge in the minds of our youth will be increased with their increasing years.

For the School Committee,

WILLIAM ALLEN, *Chairman*.

EDMUND W. NUTTER, *Secretary*.

East Bridgewater, February, 1875.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1874-5.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Pupils.			Average Attendance.			Percentage of Average Attendance.				No. under 5 yrs. of age.	No. over 15 yrs. of age.
	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	For Year.		
High School, - - - - -	74	65	55	70	61	51	.94	.94	.93	.94	—	35
Intermediate, - - - - -	64	61	62	56	56	52	.88	.91	.85	.88	—	4
North Primary, * - - - -	49	51	40	43	42	31	.88	.83	.78	.83	2	—
East Primary, - - - - -	48	53	47	39	45	38	.83	.84	.81	.83	2	—
West Primary, - - - - -	53	57	54	49	55	47	.92	.96	.87	.92	2	—
Beaver, * - - - -	59	61	58	55	54	45	.92	.89	.75	.82	2	3
Auburnville, - - - - -	29	29	19	23	21	15	.79	.73	.79	.77	2	—
Northville, - - - - -	18	15	17	17	13	16	.92	.87	.92	.90	—	—
Eastville, - - - - -	32	31	22	27	25	20	.84	.80	.89	.83	1	4
Curtisville, - - - - -	22	18	12	15	13	10	.69	.71	.86	.75	1	1
Satucket, * - - - -	19	18	18	17	17	14	.92	.93	.80	.88	1	1
Elmwood - - - - -	55	58	55	46	46	46	.83	.79	.84	.82	2	—
	522	517	460	457	448	379	.88	.86	.82	.85	15	48

* The attendance in these schools during the Winter term was reduced by sickness. In obtaining the average attendance of the several schools the rule prescribed by the State Board of Education has been strictly followed.

Financial Report

OF THE

TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Unexpended balance from last year,.....	\$313 98
Appropriation.....	5,500 00
From State school fund.....	293 80
“ County Treasurer, dog licenses, 1873.....	185 86
“ “ “ “ “ 1874.....	225 04
Town of West Bridgewater, for tuition.....	169 85
Amount available.....	<hr/> \$6,688 53

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Paid Wyman C. Fickett.....	\$1,200 00
Etta K. Johnson.....	342 00
Isabel F. Nash	9 00
L. W. Richards, last year.....	25 75
L. W. Richards, present year.....	25 00
Charles H. Dunbar.....	574 70
Agnes I. Luzarder.....	245 00
Lucia A. Millett	280 00
Georgianna Keith.....	245 00
Mary E. Alden.....	245 00
Hattie A. Cobb.....	420 00
Mary C. Pratt... ..	186 00
Ida M. Pratt.....	234 00
Lottie K. Richards.....	280 00
Ellen M. Buttomer.....	280 00
William H. Taylor.....	280 00
Fannie Reed	280 00
Frances M. Holmes.....	280 00
Town of Brockton, last year.....	55 00
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Amount for teaching.....	\$5,486 45

FUEL.

Paid E. B. Iron Co., coal, High School Building,....	\$131 53
John Hobart, coal, High School Building.....	13 88
T. F. Wood, charcoal, High School Building..	6 00
Mark P. Hudson, wood, Elmwood.....	12 12
Albert L. Alger, coal, Elmwood....	13 75
Asa T. Whitman, wood, Northville.....	25 38
Henry Gurney, wood, Auburnville.....	25 25
Charles H. Goss, wood, Beaver.....	17 25
George W. Harden, wood, Satucket	24 00
John H. Hathaway, wood, Satucket.....	3 00
Geo. W. Harden, wood, Curtisville.....	24 00
Geo. W. Harden, wood, Eastville.....	29 00
Charles H. Goss, wood, West Primary.....	11 50
Galen Latham, wood, North Primary.....	5 75
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Amount for fuel	\$342 41

PREPARING FUEL.

Paid Jotham C. Pratt.....	\$8 25
Enoch Freeman	17 25
Jotham Nute.....	6 16
Isaac Lincoln.....	7 50
Henry Gurney.....	9 37
Geo. W. Harden	20 00
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Amount for preparing fuel.....	\$68 53

CARE OF HOUSES.

Paid W. C. Fickett, High School.....	\$35 00
Archie Woodward, High School,.....	2 25
Mrs. Barrett, High School.....	39 75
Mrs. Solari, cleaning High School.....	8 90
Mrs. Barrett, cleaning High School.....	8 90
Willie Worton, North Primary.....	1 25
Warren Wentworth, North Primary.....	5 09
Willie Rierdon, North Primary.....	3 33
Mrs. Evans, cleaning North Primary.....	4 00
Mrs. J. Nute, cleaning West Primary.....	2 50
Georgianna Keith, West Primary.....	9 67
Mrs. Evans, cleaning, East Primary.....	3 50
Mary E. Alden, East Primary.....	9 67
Hattie A. Cobb, Beaver.....	6 00
John Doody, Beaver.....	3 67
Fannie Reed, Auburnville.....	9 67
Henry Gurney, cleaning Auburnville.....	3 70
Mrs. W. Ramsdell, cleaning Northville.....	4 25
William H. Taylor, Northville.....	9 75
Mrs. R. Underwood, cleaning, Eastville.....	3 00
Lottie K. Richards, Eastville.....	9 67
Mrs. Martha Gurney, cleaning, Curtis.....	4 00
Ellen M. Buttomer, Curtis.....	9 67
Clifford Keith, Satucket.....	9 67
Mrs. Maguire, cleaning, Satucket.....	2 65
Mrs. Mary Winn, cleaning Elmwood.....	5 50
Albert C. White, Elmwood.....	9 83

Amount for care of houses..... \$224 84

BUILDING AND REPAIRS.

Unexpended balance from last year.....	\$477 87
Appropriation	500 00
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Amount available.....	\$977 87

ELMWOOD SCHOOL.

Paid Carver Cotton Gin Co., lead, etc	\$54 35	
J. E. Davenport, labor.....	21 88	
Hermon Leonard, repairs.....	39 83	
	<hr/>	\$116 06

EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid J. H. Vosmos, labor and stock... ..	\$144 69	
H. A. Grow, painting	24 67	
J. M. Whiting, plastering	32 00	
J. H. Vosmos, building shed.....	80 00	
Eliab Whitman, stone.	9 00	
Henry Gurney, setting posts	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$291 86

NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Paid J. H. Vosmos, repairs	\$7 00	
H. A. Grow, painting	9 56	
J. H. Vosmos, building shed.....	80 00	
Eliab Whitman, posts.....	9 00	
Henry Gurney, setting posts	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$107 06

CURTISVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid George W. Harden, painting, etc.	\$44 18	
J. H. Vosmos, repairs	40 03	
	<hr/>	\$84 21

SATUCKET SCHOOL.

Paid Arthur Harris, repairs	\$31 20	
Abbott Hewett, boards, etc	9 72	
J. E. Davenport, painting	4 11	
	<hr/>	\$45 03

HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING.

Paid H. A. Grow, painting	\$19 35	
J. H. Vosmos, repairs	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$28 35

EASTVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid J. H. Vosmos, repairs	\$8 92
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AUBURNVILLE SCHOOL.

Paid Gladden Bonney, repairs	\$26 17	
Amount expended	<hr/>	\$707 66

INCIDENTALS.

Unexpended balance from last year	\$122 13	
Appropriation	600 00	
Amount available	<hr/>	\$722 13

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid W. C. Fickett, preparing diplomas, etc	\$4 99
J. L. Hammett, crayons, ink, etc.	53 32
Harwood's Express	5 35
H. A. Grow, setting glass, etc.	4 89
M. A. Lewis, clock, etc.	10 75
I. N. Nutter, books, etc.	12 54
Harlow Harden, repairs	4 00
J. J. Shaw, paid for repairs.	9 23
Isadus Fuller, repairs	8 37
Willard Johnson, stoves, etc.	87 79
A. T. Whitman, latch, etc.	1 42
For postal cards, stamps, etc.	1 80
William Ramsdell, repairs.	1 50
M. E. Society, use of vestry	6 00
Daniel Cummings & Co., brooms, etc.	7 00
Macomber, Bigelow & Dowse, hooks, etc.	5 13
J. G. Williams, pump	8 90
Ina Burrell, printing	12 50
Ginn Brothers, text-books	11 64
Lamprell & Marble, awning.	6 00
John T. Pratt, labor	14 00
M. P. McLauthlin, repairs	12 21
John M. Whiting, plastering	4 00
Daniel Pratt's Sons, clock.	10 15
John A. Whiting, plastering.	6 95
Charles A. Wilson, labor	1 00
Ezra Fuller, repairs	8 20
Algers' Express	45
Alfred Griffin, teams	1 75
George W. Harden, grading.	6 00
Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Co.	54 50
F. C. Nutter, team.	3 50
Amount expended	<hr/> \$385 83

RECAPITULATION.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Amount available.....		\$6,688 53
Paid for teaching	\$5,486 45	
Fuel.....	342 41	
Preparing fuel.....	68 53	
Care of houses.....	224 84	
	<hr/>	\$6,122 23
Unexpended balance		\$566 30

BUILDING AND REPAIRS.

Amount available.....	\$977 87
Amount expended	707 66
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Unexpended balance.....	\$270 21

INCIDENTALS.

Amount available	\$722 13
Amount expended	385 83
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Unexpended balance.....	\$336 30

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the School Committee, and find all the items duly entered and properly vouched for.

J. W. KENNAN,	} Auditors.
C. H. EDSON,	
M. E. BROWN,	

East Bridgewater, Feb. 12th, 1875.

FIFTY-SECOND

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1876.

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 6, 1876.

PLYMOUTH:

AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.

1876.

TOWN OFFICERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, 1875.

TOWN CLERK.

JACOB A. ROGERS.

TREASURER.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

COLLECTOR.

E. S. WHITMARSH.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

E. S. WHITMARSH, ELIAB LATHAM, CHARLES H. GOSS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

For Two Years.

WILLIAM ALLEN, EDMUND W. NUTTER, HENRY GURNEY.

For One Year.

ASA T. WHITMAN, GEORGE W. HARDEN, JARVIS BURRELL.

AUDITORS.

WILLIAM H. OSBORNE, CHARLES H. EDSON.

CONSTABLES.

SIDNEY PACKARD, WILLIAM M. JUDKINS,
JOHN H. SCRIBNER, LUCIUS D. BURBECK.

ROAD COMMITTEE.

SAMUEL KEITH, JOHN LANE, MARK P. HUDSON.

POUND KEEPER.

WARREN BROWN.

FENCE VIEWERS.

FRANCIS HAYWARD, SAMUEL KEITH.

FIELD DRIVERS.

WARREN BROWN, ENOCH FREEMAN, GEO. A. WHEELER.

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK.

WARREN K. CHURCHILL.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.

CHARLES H. EDSON, JOHN E. WATERMAN.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. GROW.

SEXTON.

SIDNEY PACKARD.

*Report of the Selectmen, Assessors, and
Overseers of the Poor.*

TO THE VOTERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER :

We present for your consideration a report of expenditures for the year ending February 1st, 1876, with a statement of the assets and condition of the Town. We congratulate you upon the fact that the Town is free from debt. We earnestly advise you to keep it so. In our opinion, your appropriations for the current year should not exceed ten thousand dollars. In recommending the above sum as the maximum, we have considered the *needs*, rather than the *wants*, of the Town.

On the petition of John H. Hathaway *et als*, praying the County Commissioners to enforce their order in regard to the widening of Satucket Bridge, your Selectmen were invited to appear for the Town, and the result was the following order :
“That the time for building Satucket bridge be extended to

November first, 1876, the Town to complete the work within the time, unless it shall be impracticable by reason of high water to do so."

We recommend the Town to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money to build said bridge, if it shall be practicable to do so.*

A suit has been commenced by Jasper N. Staples against the Town, and damages laid at ten thousand dollars. You will say whether this shall be compromised or not.

We recommend you to employ the Superintendent of the Almshouse to build the road at Eastville, recently widened by the County Commissioners.

Guide boards have been maintained during the year at the same locations as at the last annual report.

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEBRUARY 1ST, 1875, TO FEBRUARY 1ST, 1876.

Eunice S. Bryant.....	\$48 00	<i>Amount brought forward..</i>	\$484 00
Harriet Eddy.....	48 00	Rachel B. Underwood.....	96 00
Sarah B. Gould.....	48 00	Eldridge Winsor....	72 00
Betsey A. Hale.....	48 00	Charles L. Jones.....	72 00
Mary Hudson	48 00	Sophronia Carter.....	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter.....	48 00	Harriet S. Packard.....	48 00
Jeremiah Reardon.....	4 00	Ann Maria Caswell.....	4 00
William Reardon.....	48 00	Lucy S. White.....	40 00
Mary S. Ripley.....	48 00	Sarah C. Hudson.....	8 00
Lydia A. Sylvester.....	48 00	Gilbert Keene.....	4 00
Thankful O. Trow.....	48 00		
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<i>Amount carried forward...</i>	\$484 00		\$876 00

* Your Selectmen promised the Commissioners that they would make the above recommendation.

SHOVELLING SNOW.

Nathaniel Southworth.....	\$12 40	<i>Amount brought forward..</i>	\$164 42
Mark P. Hudson.....	12 90	Wm. and Chas. Gaffney.....	3 60
Newton M. Keen.....	2 00	Ezra T. Fuller.....	5 30
William F. Hudson.....	4 40	Benj. H. Fisher.....	2 00
Herbert F. Stevens.....	3 30	Samuel C. Davenport.....	2 40
Hermon Leonard.....	1 80	James L. Robinson.....	2 00
Willie Holmes.....	1 60	Lemuel Pratt.....	1 50
Levi M. Noyes.....	1 40	Martin Beal.....	1 00
Eugene Dunphe.....	45	George Hudson.....	1 00
Levi W. Noyes.....	4 20	Warden of Alunshouse.....	10 20
A. C. White.....	30	Harvey Chandler.....	1 50
Aaron Hobart.....	7 00	Chas. W. Lincoln.....	1 60
Thatcher P. Wright.....	80	Elbridge Winsor.....	2 40
William H. Robinson.....	80	Ezra Whitmarsh.....	2 60
Josiah E. Noyes.....	6 00	John A. Shaw.....	1 00
Chas. W. Adams.....	40	Chas. A. Latham.....	1 00
Eugene T. Edson.....	40	Mecenna A. Whitman.....	5 40
Frank Partridge.....	1 60	William S. Sampson.....	4 60
A. S. Brett.....	1 40	John A. Sampson.....	3 00
Wm. U. Brett.....	1 20	Alfred Bottomore.....	2 40
Lucius F. Dickerman.....	80	Bath Donnelly.....	2 75
John Lane.....	9 70	William H. Soule.....	2 60
Chas. H. Goss.....	3 60	Galen Latham.....	80
Eliab Latham.....	19 30	Cyrus Munroe.....	1 20
John B. Reed.....	2 00	S. G. Whitmarsh.....	2 00
Howard Paine.....	75	Henry Gurney.....	5 25
Henry B. Rogers.....	1 60	Galen Willis.....	1 40
Joseph Morse.....	50	Lysander Keith.....	2 10
Rodney Bouldry.....	1 30	Geo. W. Blanchard.....	1 30
Ephraim Hardy.....	2 40	Augustus W. Blanchard.....	1 90
Nathaniel Perkins.....	3 00	Sears R. Frost.....	80
Martin Parris.....	2 00	Theodore Hobart.....	2 40
Nahum P. Keith.....	60	Luther Churchill, Jr.....	1 20
Jeremiah Mahoney.....	2 40	Benj. R. Robinson.....	50
Enoch Freeman.....	6 40	Oliver Pratt.....	3 00
Horace Ripley.....	1 40	David S. Gurney.....	1 40
Samuel Keith.....	6 00	John B. Porter.....	1 20
Francis Hayward.....	3 12	Cephas A. Porter.....	1 00
George W. Harden.....	20 60	Samuel C. Smith.....	1 00
John H. Vosmos.....	2 80	Branch L. Byram.....	2 80
James W. Beaton.....	1 60	Nathaniel K. Richardson.....	2 00
Samuel L. Seaver.....	3 70	Lemuel Dunbar.....	1 00
Stephen Harlow.....	2 20	Francis A. Nash.....	6 60
Chas. H. Whiting.....	1 60	Andrew P. Young.....	2 00
Ira Drake.....	70	William Keene.....	2 40
<i>Amount carried forward..</i>			\$269 52

LABOR ON ROADS.

Orders have been drawn for labor on roads, and materials for the same, in favor of the following persons :

Eliab Latham.....	\$16 00	<i>Amount brought forward..</i>	\$1,326 65
John Noonan.....	16 00	Galen Allen.....	90
John Canney.....	56 30	Charles Lincoln.....	9 00
John McCarty.....	4 50	Patrick Carroll.....	39 89
John Cook	30 75	Josiah Hathaway.....	2 75
Daniel Geary.....	17 12	Patrick and James Carroll...	7 50
James Carroll.....	13 50	Robert McNeeland.....	44 00
Michael Hickey.....	17 85	Samuel C. Davenport.....	6 60
John Elliget.....	5 70	David Roach	30 00
James Rollins.....	22 95	Levi W. Noyes.....	67 15
William Wallace.....	20 75	Timothy S. Harlow.....	35 03
Martin Sumner.....	81 23	Melzar Waterman.....	5 25
John Lane.....	65 07	Walter L. Benson.....	4 15
Stephen Harlow	25 79	Addison Pratt.....	11 48
Joseph Morse.....	6 00	Enoch Freeman.....	18 45
Michael Hennersey.....	22 35	George L. Chamberlain.....	109 20
Joseph M. Whitman.....	6 00	George Hudson.....	75
Patrick Quigley.....	59 25	Henry V. Harwood	1 50
Samuel W. Barrett.....	3 00	Herbert K. Stevens.....	3 75
George McCreety.....	7 50	William F. Hudson.....	1 50
Willard Johnson.....	13 37	Mecenna A. Whitman.....	3 40
Isadus Fuller.....	13 75	Blaney P. Beal.....	10 50
Samuel D. Shaw.....	30 98	Mark P. Hudson.....	272 25
Waldo Heyward.....	7 92	Charles A. Latham.....	38 21
Francis Hayward.....	37 98	New England Drain Pipe Co..	34 37
Nathaniel Southworth.....	28 30	Kimball E. Sheldon.....	1 50
Simon Burrell.....	29 62	Theodore Reed.....	125 00
John F. Mangan.....	26 25	East Bridgewater Iron Co....	40 98
Otis Bisbee.....	89 75	Howe Brick Co.....	4 75
Samuel Keith.....	111 10	Aaron Hobart.....	25 50
Lucius Bonney.....	15 00	John Mahoney.....	1 12
George W. Harden.....	262 55	Abram Bourne.....	10 20
A. Judson Fish.....	1 50	Benjamin Alden.....	75
Manuel Sylva.....	9 00	Lewis Delano.....	1 00
Samuel B. Lang.....	10 95	Newton Churchill.....	2 70
Stephen Lang, Jr.....	6 00	Galen Latham.....	46 79
Almshouse team.....	130 52	Cyrus Munroe.....	3 00
Ruel Lincoln.....	2 25	Simeon G. Whitmarsh.....	1 50
Charles W. Lincoln.....	1 50	Henry Gurney.....	5 50
Ezra Whitmarsh.....	75	Lysander Keith.....	2 10
<i>Amount carried forward...</i>		<i>Amount carried forward...</i>	
\$1,326 65		\$2,356 62	

<i>Amount brought forward..</i>	<i>\$2,356 62</i>	<i>Amount brought forward..</i>	<i>\$2,507 42</i>
Galen Willis.....	33 56	Preston B. Keith	5 00
Joshua Hollis.....	4 04	William Desmond.....	1 50
William D. Higgins.....	5 80	Jeremiah Dunn.....	7 80
William Bottomore.....	26 40	Charles W. Siddall.....	2 70
E. S. Whitmarsh.....	2 00	Allen Washburn.....	3 00
Marcus M. Willis.....	1 50	Ira Drake.....	1 00
James R. Hudson.....	10 75	Samuel A. Orr.....	5 25
William H. Soule.....	1 50	Edgar L. Clark.....	16 25
Newton M. Keene.....	4 50	Nathaniel Perkins.....	1 50
Thomas Barton.....	1 50	Jotham Hicks.....	2 00
Abbott T. Hewitt.....	2 50	Joseph Veary.....	8 25
Samuel A. Keith.....	3 38	Calvin Wade.....	3 00
Samuel F. White	6 00	John B. Porter.....	1 00
James Morey.....	1 12	Asa Millett.....	3 00
Patrick Birmingham.....	7 50	Francis A. Nash.....	7 00
David S. Gurney.....	6 00	Joseph Ham.....	8 00
James O'Hearn.....	4 50	Minot C. Shaw.....	2 50
Isaac N. Nutter.....	2 25	Timothy Mitchell.....	4 45
Abner C. Jackson.	22 00	Aaron Hobart.....	3 75
David Tower.....	3 00	John Lane.....	11 25
Oliver C. Barrows.....	1 00		
<i>Amount carried forward..</i>	<i>\$2,507 42</i>		<i>\$2,605 62</i>

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMITTEE.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid bills incurred last year.....	\$27 45
Rebuilding Shaw's bridge.....	398 90
Building Hobart's road.....	152 50
Building Cook's road	60 00
Building Forge road	53 00
Repairs on roads and bridges.....	1,913 77
	<i>\$2,605 62</i>

We have on hand lumber for bridges to the amount of \$114.82.

SAMUEL KEITH,
JOHN LANE,
MARK P. HUDSON, } *Road
Committee.*

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Abatement of Taxes	\$103 50
Paid Avery & Doten, printing town reports for 1875,	125 83
I. N. Nutter, stationery and postage stamps...	9 16
Rockwell & Churchill, blanks	1 90
Isadus Fuller, repairs on town hall	5 92
John Waterman, horse hire.....	75
Jarvis Burrell, printing.....	19 00
Wiliam J. Gilbert, oiling and repairing hearse harness	2 75
Benj. R. Robinson, land and damages....	20 00
Joseph Chamberlain <i>et als</i> , land and damages.	25 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, railroad fares	9 40
Thomas Keith, surveying.....	5 00
John P. Fry, abatement tax of 1874.....	15 86
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	\$344 07

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid John W. Kennan, Auditor	\$5 00
Chas. H. Edson, "	5 00
Millard E. Brown, "	5 00
Jacob A. Rogers, Town Clerk	55 42
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector	111 00
I. N. Nutter, Treasurer	100 00
Asa T. Whitman, School Committee	3 75
William Allen, " "	99 08
E. W. Nutter, " "	116 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor	272 00
Eliab Latham, Selectman, Assessor, and Over- seer of the Poor	78 35
Chas. H. Goss, Selectman, Assessor, and Over- seer of the Poor	20 00
Sidney Packard, returning deaths for last year	7 05
Sidney Packard, services as Sexton	114 00
Sidney Packard, posting two warrants, notify- ing Town Officers, and enforcing dog law,	18 00
Henry Gurney, Committee	1 00
William M. Judkins, posting warrants, and ser- vices in suppressing illegal sale of liquor,	18 50
Wm. H. Osborne, services in suppressing ille- gal sale of liquor	15 50
Geo. A. Wheeler, services in suppressing illegal sale of liquor	8 00
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	\$1,053 40

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For State Aid.....	\$876 00
Highways ..	2,605 62
Town Officers	1,053 40
Almshouse use	883 19
Aid to poor persons out of Almshouse	661 11
Shoveling Snow.....	269 52
Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers'..	100 00
Incidental expenses	344 07
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	\$6,792 91

TOWN MEETING.

Copy of Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Meeting, to be held March 6th, 1876, at 1 o'clock, P. M. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4 To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges.

ARTICLE 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of Taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of Taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To act on a list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to annul and make void so much of their order on the petition of John H. Hathaway and others, as in any way requires this Town to widen Satucket Bridge. By petition.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will accept a way, as laid out by the Selectmen, from West Street, near the East and West Bridgewater Depot, to Union Street, near the house of Francis D. Litchfield.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars for enlarging and repairing the Town Hall. By petition.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will transfer the care of the Town Cemetery, near the Town Hall, to the East Bridgewater Cemetery Corporation.

LIST OF JURORS.

We submit for your consideration the following list of inhabitants of the Town, whom we think qualified to serve as Jurors :

George W. Allen,	Thomas Keith,
Charles H. Brown,	Simeon C. Keith,
Eleazer C. Bennett,	Zebina Keith, Jr.,
Warren K. Churchill,	Eliab Latham,
Elijah L. Clark,	Edmund W. Nutter,
Luther Churchill, Jr.,	Daniel Nash,
Daniel Edson,	Martin P. McLauthlin,
Henry Edson,	Addison Pratt,
Caleb Goss,	Francis W. Porter,
Henry Gurney,	David Pratt,
Samuel Gurney,	Oliver Pratt,
Aaron Hobart,	J. Henry Potter,
Ellis W. Holmes,	Frederic S. Strong,
Francis Hayward,	Frank Smith,
John Hobart,	Samuel D. Shaw,
Luther Harden,	Samuel Shaw,
Reuben Harden,	Benjamin M. White,
Stephen Harlow,	Eleazer Whitman,
Ezra Kingman,	George A. Wright,
George M. Keith,	John E. Waterman,
John Kennan,	Noah A. Washburn,
Samuel Keith,	William Vinton.

E. S. WHITMARSH,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>Bridgewater.</i>
ELIAB LATHAM,	
CHAS. H. GOSS,	

Assessors' Report.

VALUATION FOR 1875.

Real Estate.....	\$939,860
Personal Estate.....	291,750
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	<u>\$1,231,610</u>
Number of polls.....	784
Rate of taxation.....	0115
State tax.....	\$2,003 97
County tax.....	1,672 50
Town tax.....	11,725 00
Added for convenience	330 04 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	\$15,731 51 $\frac{1}{2}$
Gain by fractions	03 $\frac{1}{2}$
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Committed for collection.....	\$15,731 55
Tax on 784 polls at \$2.00 each.....	\$1,568 00
Tax on \$1,231,610 at \$11.50 on the \$1,000	14,163 51 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	\$15,731 51 $\frac{1}{2}$
Number of acres of land taxed.....	10,262 $\frac{1}{2}$
houses taxed.....	559
horses taxed.....	363
cows taxed.	336
sheep taxed.....	60

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1875.

For schools	\$5,250 00
roads.....	2,500 00
school incidentals.....	400 00
building wood sheds, &c.....	350 00
support of poor.....	1,600 00
payment of town officers.....	1,000 00
incidental expenses and removing snow.....	500 00
stocking Robbins' pond with fish.....	25 00
payment to Wanderers' Home	100 00
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	\$11,725 00

E. S. WHITMARSH,	} <i>Assessors.</i>
ELIAB LATHAM,	
CHAS. H. GOSS,	

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

ALMSHOUSE.

DR.

To inventory, Feb. 1st, 1875.....	\$2,438 20	
Superintendent's salary.	300 00	
Dr. Orr, medical attendance.	25 00	
Cash from the Treasury	558 19	
	<hr/>	\$3,321 39

CR.

By inventory of Feb. 1st, 1876.	\$2,491 52	
Cost of supporting poor at Almshouse	829 87	
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Whole number of inmates during the year.....	9	
Average number (nearly).....	7	
Cost per week for support.....	\$2 28	

Present Inmates.

Calvin Eaton.....	76 years of age.
Lysander Bourne	67 years of age.
Ard Edson.....	83 years of age.
George H. Savory.....	58 years of age.
Orrin Parris.....	80 years of age.
Amos Mellen.....	77 years of age.
Adeline H. Keen.....	53 years of age.
Esther Schofield.....	35 years of age.

Number of tramps for the year, 87.

The Almshouse, since April 1st, has been in charge of Mr. Warren Brown and wife. Their duties have been performed with fidelity. We have re-engaged them.

*ASSISTANCE TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE
ALMSHOUSE.*

Paid State Lunatic Hospital, for support of Nath'l	
S. Bouldry	\$203 05
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Reed and children.....	60 00
Mr. John Thayer.....	25 50
Miss Lucina Mitchell	52 00
Miss Sybil P. Dunbar	52 00
Mr. Joseph M. Whitman	43 51
for nursing and burial of John E. Gallagher	
and daughter	38 47
Benjamin H. Fisher and family	25 20
Albion L. Ramsdell and family	15 00
City of Lynn, for aid to Mrs. James Conner	
and children.....	64 00
City of Lowell, for aid to Mrs. James Quinn	
and children.....	14 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for support	
of Esther Schofield.	28 00
Mrs. Deborah Bates and son.....	20 00
City of Boston, for aid to William T. Carter	
and family.	20 38
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\$661 11	

E. S. WHITMARSH, } *Overseers*
 ELIAB LATHAM, }
 CHAS. H. GOSS, } *of the Poor.*

Report of Collector.

I have completed the collection of taxes for the year 1875, and report :

Interest collected \$128 95

I have received the following abatements, viz :

Perez Williams.....	\$5 81	<i>Amount brought forward..</i>	\$59 59
Augustus M. Howe.....	5 23	Elihu T. Ellis.....	2 00
Dexter Reed Estate.....	5 75	Albion L. Ramsdell.....	2 00
Charles Thompson.....	10 97	Charles F. Derby.....	2 00
Joseph Shaw.....	4 03	Jacob H. Gurney.....	46
Manuel Sylva.....	2 00	Henry A. Osborne.....	6 75
Lewis Anderson.....	2 00	Luther Hatch.....	6 01
Michael Hickey.....	2 00	Francis C. Bryant.....	2 00
John Flahar.....	2 00	John L. Coulter.....	2 00
Stephen Lang.....	2 00	George R. Dyer.....	2 00
Stephen H. Lang.....	2 00	Eugene T. Edson.....	2 00
Henry M. Smith.....	2 00	Seth Edson.....	2 97
Dan Hoyt.....	3 80	John P. Fry.....	4 75
Eugene Millard.....	2 00	Michael Feeney, Jr.....	2 00
William Crotty.....	2 00	William L. Beal.....	2 97
Patrick Donahoe.....	2 00	Thomas Donovan.....	2 00
Charles Adams.....	2 00	Patrick Sheehan.....	2 00
Calvin C. Greenlaw.....	2 00		
<i>Amount carried forward...</i>			<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: auto;"/> \$103 50
	\$59 59		

Thirteen of the above named persons are living in Town. Two are dead. The residence of a few only of the remaining is known to me.

E. S. WHITMARSH, *Collector.*

Report of Town Treasurer.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer,*

In Account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER:

DR.

Balance as by previous report.....	\$5,617 82
Cash of J. A. Rogers, Janitor of Town Hall..	35 00
Frank Smith, for license.....	100 00
East Bridgewater Savings Bank	2,000 00
Estate of Bela Thaxter, for deed of property sold for non-payment of taxes.....	9 38
Abington Savings Bank, interest on deposit,	30 00
Bridgewater " " "	41 60
E. Bridgewater " " "	60 90
State Treasurer, Corporation tax	1,039 23
State Aid,	1,171 60
National Bank Tax,	1,045 21
Income of School Fund, .	228 83
On account State Paupers,	43 43
Robert Mitchell for deed of property sold for non-payment of taxes,	10 34
Selectmen for rent of Bouldry place, from May 1, 1875, to Feb. 1, 1876,.....	18 38
Town of West Bridgewater for tuition of Scholars in Beaver School,.....	145 43
W. R. Sever, County Treasurer, Dog Tax refunded,	183 23
E. S. Whitmarsh for use of Town Hall, to Feb. 1, including balance due Feb. 1, 1875	44 07
E. S. Whitmarsh, collector of taxes	15,721 23
E. S. Whitmarsh, collector of taxes, balance due on tax of 1875	139 27
	\$27,684 95

CR.

By paid W. S Danforth, recording deeds,	\$4 00
State Treasurer, one-fourth of amount received for license	25 00
East Bridgewater Savings Bank, two notes	2,000 00
Interest on notes and order	34 00
Town bonds	5,300 00
Premium on bonds	63 21
Interest on bonds	34 17
Coupons on bonds	386 90
County tax	1,672 50
State tax	2,003 97
Superintendent State Work House, Bridgewater	35 00
Orders drawn by Selectmen	6,792 91
School Committee	6,548 20
Tax of 1875, on property sold prior to 1876 for non-payment of taxes	20 44
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	\$24,920 30
Cash on hand.	2,764 65
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	\$27,684 95

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

East Bridgewater, Feb. 14, 1876.

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury	\$2,764 65
Due from State for State Aid.....	876 00
Cash and uncollected bills in hands of Superinten- dent of Almshouse.....	130 93
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	\$3,771 58

TOWN HALL.

Balance from last year.....	\$26 00
Received for use of Hall this year.....	145 50
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	\$171 50
Paid Janitor	\$58 00
for coal, oil, &c	34 43
Treasurer.....	79 07
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	\$171 50

Net earnings of Hall, \$53.07.

JACOB A. ROGERS, *Janitor.*

Auditors' Report.

We have carefully examined the books of the Selectmen, School Committee, the Assessors, Treasurer and Collector, and report as follows :

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer.....	\$6,792 91
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer.....	6,792 91

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer.....	\$6,548 20
Amount of orders paid by Treasurer	6,548 20

TREASURER.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, as per annual report of 1875.....	\$5,617 82
Amount received during the year.....	22,067 13
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	\$27,684 95
Amount paid out.....	24,920 30
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Amount on hand, Feb. 14, 1876.....	\$2,764 65

All of which amount is satisfactorily accounted for by the Treasurer.

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection.	\$15,731 55
Amount of interest collected	128 95
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Total,	\$15,860 50

The above amount has been paid into the Treasury, and the Treasurer's receipts therefor exhibited to us by the Collector.

We report that the assessment of taxes has been correctly made, and deem it our duty to compliment the various officers whose accounts we have audited, for the very careful and accurate manner in which they have transacted the business of the Town. And we desire, also, to congratulate our fellow citizens that every dollar of our debt has been paid, and that we have kept, both in letter and spirit, every promise which we made during the perilous days of the war, so far as the laws of the State would permit.

WM. H. OSBORNE, } *Auditors.*
CHARLES H. EDSON, }

Report of Committee on Fisheries.

To the Citizens of East Bridgewater :

Your Committee desire to again call your attention to the important subject of our alewife and other fisheries now in their infancy, but which, if carefully protected, will eventually become of great value to the Town.

The provisions of the statute of 1872, which re-established these fisheries, have been faithfully complied with by the several owners of the dams upon the rivers named in the act.

The experiment of stocking these streams with alewives was begun in the Spring of 1872, and, as is well known to many of our readers, has resulted very successfully.

For three successive years, ending in 1874, your Committee stocked Robbins' Pond with alewives taken from the Newmarket River in Middleboro. By a strange instinct, which cannot be explained, last Spring, (1875) these fish made their appearance in Satucket River for the first time since the year 1819. Accompanying the alwives were large numbers of black bass, white perch, and the more common varieties of fresh-water fish. It appears that some of these bass have remained in our ponds, as one specimen weighing about seven pounds has been taken in Robbins' Pond during the present Winter.

The artificial propagation of alewives in Robbins' Pond was suspended in 1875, under the belief that the fish coming up Satucket River would spawn there. From careful observations made by your Committee, however, it is considered by them to be very doubtful whether any alewives passed our fish-way at Satucket dam last Spring, though large numbers of them came up to the foot of the dam and crowded into the race-way.

The natural inclination of these fish is to follow the main stream, always preferring a swift current, and hence they were led into the race instead of the fish-way.

A few were taken alive and put into the river above the dam, and these undoubtedly spawned.

The opinion of the Fish Commissioners has been obtained, and they recommend that a hurdle or grating be thrown across the river below the dam in such a manner as to guide the fish into the way. Your Committee concur in this opinion, and ask that you will appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to defray the expenses of constructing this hurdle, and also the sum of twenty-five dollars to defray incidental expenses.

Your Committee expended no money last year, and have made no charge for their services.

W. H. OSBORNE,	} Committee
SAMUEL KEITH,	
SIMEON C. KEITH,	
	on
	Fisheries.

East Bridgewater, Feb. 14, 1876.

Report of Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES.

Thirteen marriages have been recorded in East Bridgewater during the year 1875:

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, Residence, Etc.
1875.	
Jan'y 21.	Henry Dyer Reed, of Abington, and Louisa Parker Whitman, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John W. Quinby.
Jan'y 31.	Charles F. Maxwell, of Abington, and Deborah F. Blanchard, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Joseph Pettee.
Feb. 14.	Isaac Newton Bourne, of East Bridgewater, and Martha Jane Holmes, of Plymouth. By Rev. J. W. Malcolm.
April 18.	John Elliget and Hannah Shealey, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
May 2.	Charles L. Washburn and Hannah J. Cole, both of Middleboro'. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
May 2.	John P. Reed, Jr., and Laura J. Wade, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. B. Read.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, Residence, Etc.
May 5.	William Ramsdell and Phelinda Clark, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Noah Fullerton.
Sept. 19.	Jeremiah J. Torrey and Susan P. Whitmarsh, both of Brockton. By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
Sept. 29.	George Franklin Harlow and Minnie Bartlett, both of South Abington. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.
Nov. 4.	Franklin W. French and Alice F. Raymond, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John W. Quinby.
Nov. 4.	Charles S. Inglee, of South Abington, and Abbie A. Sturtevant, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John W. Quinby.
Nov. 11.	Charles Burrill, of East Bridgewater, and Attosa E. Pratt, of Taunton. By Rev. William T. Worth.
Dec. 2.	William S. Morey, of Brockton, and Amanda A. Vaughn, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Warren Goddard, Jr.

J. A. ROGERS, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED FOR THE YEAR 1875.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1875.		
Jan'y 14,	Patrick F. Carroll,	Patrick and Bridget.
28,	John Embert Willis,	Galen and Augusta.
29,	Jennie Sears Frost,	Sears R. and Persis M.
22,	Agnes B. Harding,	John and Emma B.
Feb'y 9,	Frances J. Sikes,	George and Bridget.
13,	Nellie Campbell,	Edmund and Alice.
March 2,	Flora May Davenport,	George L. and Mary J.
16,	Lillian Frances Parris,	Martin and Ella F.
April 9,	Clarissa Luella Humphrey,	Henry G. and Luella A.
18,	Lucy Elizabeth Barrows,	Oliver C. and Ellen.
24,	Caroline De Souza,	Manuel and Maria.
27,	Thomas Maguire,	Owen and Hannah.
29,	Fanny Neville,	Andrew and Elizabeth.
30,	William C. Josselyn,	William A. and Susan J.
May 20,	Mary H. Burns,	David and Bridget.
23,	Manuel Va,	Joseph and Julia.
29,	Almira Rachel Young,	Andrew and Almira F.
June 9,	Katy Hennessy,	Michael and Catharine.
23,	Eugene Hathaway,	Hosea and Cynthia.
29,	Amy Hulda Brett,	Algernon and Margaret.
July 5,	Saba Warren Churchill,	Warren K. and Elizabeth H.
7,	Arthur H. Dorey,	Peter and Ellen.
16,	Ellen O'Brien,	Andrew and Mary.
29,	Patrick Welch,	Patrick and Margaret.
August 1,	Edmund Gorman,	Michael and Bridget.
7,	Albert W. Jones,	Charles L. and Susan R.
22,	Susan Weston Sturtivant,	William F. and Abbie A.
22,	Arthur Germain,	George and Eliza.
23,	Bessie Kimball Bartlett,	Ezekiel R. and Hannah C.
23,	Charles H. Hayward,	William A. and Louisa B.
26,	Myron Hartwell Gould,	Maurice C. and Eldora S.
Oct. 2,	Mabel Sale Soper,	John S. and Lorina H.
5,	Fannie Gertrude Dunbar,	Charles H. and Sarah B.
19,	Grace Clifton Fish,	Thomas J. and Annie.
29,	Rita Maude Hayward,	Benjamin S. and Adeline C.
Nov. 4,	Frank Bertron Freeman,	Frank C. and Mary A.
4,	Georgiana Loucraft,	Joseph M. and P.
14,	Gracie Gertrude Dunbar,	Horace P. and Ellen F.
Dec. 8,	Mary F. Murphy,	William F. and Eliza.
16,	Mary Eliza Wade,	Robert and Eliza Ann.
1874.		
Jan'y 4,	Kate McCarty,	John and Margaret.
April 4,	Lottie R. Harwood,	Henry W. and Hattie A.

Whole number of Births in 1875—40: males, 15; females, 25. Of foreign parentage—15.

JACOB A. ROGERS, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER IN 1875.

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DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.	
1875.					
Jan'y 9,	Samuel Herrick, - - - - -	57	6		Consumption.
13,	Pamela Hill, - - - - -	74	2	19	Paralysis.
14,	William Campbell, - - - - -	40			Accidental.
22,	Sarah A. Harlow, - - - - -	25			Hemorrhage of Lungs.
22,	Abby Shaw, - - - - -	76	8	2	Pneumonia.
22,	Zenas Harden, - - - - -	80	2	2	Old Age.
27,	William F. Keith, - - - - -		4	17	Lung Fever.
27,	Isaac Pratt, - - - - -	84	8	18	Old Age.
27,	Harriet N. Griffin, - - - - -	59	11	28	Erythema.
3,	Orra Winslow, - - - - -	72	5	20	Cancer.
9,	Nancy Webster, - - - - -	78	11		Dropsy.
9,	Sarah P. Tate, - - - - -	71	2		Consumption.
12,	Bethiah Freeman, - - - - -	87	1	14	Influenza.
12,	Elizabeth S. Delano, - - - - -	65	10	3	Heart Disease.
14,	Emma C. Ransden, - - - - -	21	11	14	Childbirth.
19,	Edward White, - - - - -	35			Consumption.
22,	James Thaxter Reed, - - - - -	59	4	14	Paralysis.
1,	Peter Blomstrand, - - - - -	59		12	Jaundice.
2,	Edmund Casey, - - - - -	75	3		Paralysis.
4,	Lysander Washburn, - - - - -	64	11	13	Heart Disease.
5,	Clarissa O. Allen, - - - - -	67	7	14	Consumption.
18,	Diana Whitmarsh, - - - - -	84		11	Consumption.
18,	Eliza Jane Fisher, - - - - -			2	Convulsions.
2,	Asaba Keith, - - - - -	74	7	24	Paralysis.
10,	Hannah Severance, - - - - -	86	5	21	Paralysis.
13,	Lizzie Prescott Bates, - - - - -	6		11	Consumption.
28,	John E. Gallagher, - - - - -	55			Consumption.

May	2,	Isaac Hathaway,	-	-	-	23	11	5	Consumption.
	4,	Margaret Mickey,	-	-	-	62	4	14	Kidney Complaint.
	14,	Ezra L. Keene,	-	-	-	14	7	4	Congestion of Lungs.
	16,	Mary A. Gallagher,	-	-	-			28	Consumption.
	21,	George H. French,	-	-	-		2	18	Whooping Cough.
	21,	Bartholomew White,	-	-	-		6	13	Whooping Cough.
	23	James M. Perrigo,	-	-	-	69	10	9	Paralysis.
	24,	Mary P. Washburn,	-	-	-	62	6	2	Pneumonia.
June	2,	John Thayer,	-	-	-	85	3	29	Old Age.
	16,	Hannah Johnson,	-	-	-	82	7	1	Old Age.
	20,	Asa T. Whitman,	-	-	-	54	2	14	Consumption.
	23,	Abby F. Beals,	-	-	-	2	1	20	Tumor.
	24,	Abigail Whitman,	-	-	-	87	1	1	Old Age.
August	4,	Dan S. Hoit,	-	-	-	25	7	26	Congestion of Liver.
	16,	George Arthur Alden,	-	-	-	1	1	2	Cholera Infantum.
	18,	Ellen O'Brien,	-	-	-			12	Congestion of Lungs.
	19,	Geo Caldwell Rounselle,	-	-	-	1	3	6	Cholera Infantum.
	19,	Manuel Fay,	-	-	-		2	6	Cold.
	24,	Caroline Coverly,	-	-	-	40	2	9	Pulmonary Consumption.
	26,	Mercy L. Churchill,	-	-	-	69	7	14	Paralysis.
Sept.	7,	Eugene Hathaway,	-	-	-		2	7	Consumption.
	7,	William R. Hathaway,	-	-	-	61	8	7	Consumption.
	13,	Charles Thompson,	-	-	-	61	9	7	Apoplexy.
	28,	Lydia S. Pratt,	-	-	-	25	3	3	Consumption.
	30,	Hannah Souza,	-	-	-		5	6	Cholera Infantum.
Oct.	19,	Lucy C. Look,	-	-	-	34	7	25	Typhoid Fever.
Nov.	10,	Jerusha L. Bird,	-	-	-	88	3	5	Old Age.
	24,	Eliza N. Harding,	-	-	-	59	9	14	Heart Disease.

Number of Deaths registered—55 : males, 25; females, 30.

JACOB A. ROGERS, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1876.

REPORT.

At the Annual Town Meeting held March 1, 1875. it was voted to reduce the number of the School Committee to six, and Henry Gurney was chosen for two years, and George W. Harden for one year.

At the beginning of the school year the Committee was constituted as follows, viz: William Allen, Edmund W. Nutter and Henry Gurney, for two years; and Asa T. Whitman, George W. Harden and Jarvis Burrill, one year.

Mr. Whitman, who had faithfully discharged the duties of his office, died on the 20th of June, and by a joint convention of the Selectmen and School Committee, held on the 7th of July, James S. Allen was chosen to fill the vacancy.

The Committee was organized March 11th, by the choice of Messrs. William Allen, Chairman, and E. W. Nutter, Secretary and Treasurer.

Messrs. W. Allen and Nutter were appointed a Sub-Committee, to examine teachers and supervise the schools.

Especial oversight of Elmwood, Eastville, Satucket, Curtisville, and the East Primary was entrusted to Mr. Allen ; of the Intermediate, Beaver, Northville, North Primary and West Primary, to Mr. Nutter.

The teachers of the different schools, all of whom have continued in their places through the year, are as follows, viz :

High School,.	{	Mr. WYMAN C. FICKETT, <i>Principal</i> ,
	{	Miss MARIETTA K. JOHNSON, <i>Assistant</i> .
Intermediate,.	{	Miss HATTIE E. COBB, <i>Principal</i> ,
	{	Miss AGNES I. LUZARDER, <i>Assistant</i> .
Elmwood,.....		Miss IDA M. PRATT.
Beaver,	{	Mr. WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, <i>Principal</i> ,
	{	Mrs. MARY E. TAYLOR, <i>Assistant</i> .
Northville,		Miss BETHIA S. KEITH.
Eastville,.....		Miss ISABEL F. NASH.
Satucket,		Miss FRANCES M. HOLMES.
Curtisville,.....		Miss ELLEN M. BUTTOMER.
North Primary,.....		Miss LUCIA A. MILLETT.
East Primary,.....		Miss HULDAH M. KINGMAN.
West Primary.....		Miss GEORGIANNA KEITH.

Throughout the past year, with perhaps one or two exceptions, there has been a steady improvement in the var-

ious schools. On the 19th of March, subsequent to the printing of the last annual report, the graduation exercises of the High School took place, in presence of a large assembly. The class numbered eight persons, each of whom presented an essay which evinced good scholarship and careful mental training. This school continues to prosper. The average attendance for the year appears to have been 95 per cent.

Copies of Worcester's Unabridged Dictionary, and sets of Wall Maps have been furnished to several schools, so that almost all of them are well supplied in these respects.

Books of reference have been placed on the teacher's table in some of the schools, the money for the purchase of which was obtained by means of entertainments, or spelling matches, funds from the Town Treasury, or by the contributions of the scholars and teachers, or other friends of the schools.

It is a gratifying fact that some of the teachers and scholars in the mixed schools have, by continued effort through the year, taken care of the school-rooms, built the fires, etc., and thus the money which would otherwise have gone into the pockets of individuals, has reverted to the Town in the form of beautiful mottoes and pictures for the walls of the rooms, books of reference, etc. Boxes of Geometrical forms have been furnished to the Primary Schools. The charming periodical called

"The Nursery," has from month to month found its way to the desks and the hearts of the little ones. Nice globes have been furnished to some of the schools, the value of which as aids to instruction can hardly be measured.

The methods of teaching have been improved. Map drawing has been practised, and much ability and excellent success on the part of the scholars has been shown, as well as skill on the part of the teacher. The study of Geography and Grammar has received an onward impulse. The general tendency has been to make, instead of a dull routine, a pleasing as well as an instructive course.

In some of the schools, particularly in the Primaries, so far as circumstances would permit, drawing in Geometrical and other forms, has continued, and with pleasant results.

The valuable services of Mr. L. W. Richards as an instructor in singing at the High and Intermediate Schools, continue, and to some extent this important branch is attended to by the teachers in some of the other schools. We wish it might be taught in all of them.

In Beaver, at the beginning of the year, the school was so large that, instead of one teacher as before, two teachers were employed, which has facilitated the advancement of the pupils.

CONDITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY, ETC.

The school house at Beaver has been painted, a new floor laid in the lower room, the walls re-plastered, black-boards provided, and a wood-shed has been built. All the school houses now have modern furniture.

The yard at Northville has been enlarged by the purchase of a lot of land on the south side. The transfer was made so late in the Fall, that the work of removing the old wall, building a new one, and grading, had to be left till next Spring. An appropriation will be needed for this purpose.

It was the intention of the Committee to expend a part of the appropriation for repairs upon the West Primary school building, but upon further consideration, it was deemed inexpedient to make any considerable outlay upon the house in its present location. Some improvements, however, should be made the coming year, such as the remodelling of the entry, and building a wood-shed.

The High School is too large for its complete success. Sixty scholars are as large a number as can be really accommodated. The building needs larger entries, and larger recitation and cabinet rooms. In addition to this, could a Grammar School be established, and a suitable room obtained, either by building an addition to the High School house, or by the erection of another build-

ing elsewhere such a school of a rank between the Intermediate and the High, would relieve the High School, and also the other schools, in the centre of the Town, by making a new grade. Such a Grammar School would afford a good opportunity to obtain a fine English education, and will probably become a necessity in a few years.

IRREGULARITY OF ATTENDANCE, AND TRUANCY.

The average per cent. of attendance in the majority of our schools is good, but in some is not so great as it ought to be, even making due allowance for illness, etc., and it is of the utmost importance that every parent or guardian should see that no needless absence of the child or ward ever occurs.

Instances of truancy are also taking place, and the Committee recommend that at the next annual meeting suitable by-laws on this subject be passed.

THE CENTENNIAL.

We have entered upon a year of great interest to our community and to our nation. Two hundred years ago the then few and scattered residents of what is now East Bridgewater were living in a state of alarm, and most of them were fleeing before the hostile savages from their dwellings in flames. In a few months one hundred years will have elapsed since the great reality

of human rights was set forth to the world as it perhaps had never before been expressed in any uninspired form. In our usually quiet highways, and on our ancient Common, were heard the roll of the stirring drum and the frequent marshalling of our yeomanry as they were preparing, not for a holiday excursion, but to meet the enemies of liberty in the fight. Now, in the enjoyment of peace, what ceaseless gratitude is due from us to the God of the nations that our lot is cast in a land of free schools, that while the sword may be the protector of the tyrant's throne, these institutions are among the most potent safeguards of our liberties. That these supports of the great fabric have been appreciated, is evident ; and we may look back with pride upon the fostering care bestowed upon them by this Town. Half a century ago it raised for the support of the public schools six hundred dollars. Now, with a population about twice as great as it then was, it raises nearly six thousand dollars.

At the great exhibition soon to take place in Philadelphia, where the fruits of industry, genius and skill in many departments, may well be expected to appear with a lustre such as the civilized world has never before witnessed, the institutions of education are summoned to set forth in clear light the results of unremitted toil in the search for the means by which the youthful mind may be most successfully cultivated. Well may we expect that Massachusetts, always so prominent in the cause of

human improvement, will then show that she is still worthy the pre-eminence which she has heretofore enjoyed.

Closely connected with the nation's Centennial, is the death of her Vice President, Henry Wilson. The example of one who by his ceaseless exertions raised himself from obscurity to such a point, not only of intellectual greatness, but of moral worth, is one which comes home with mighty force to our educators.

All the learning which he received in his boyhood-days, exclusive of his own unaided efforts, was obtained from a brief attendance at the District School. Little probably did his early teachers suppose that they were helping on the progress of one, who, at some future day, was to exert a powerful influence for the preservation and advancement of this Republic.

Truly has it been observed, "Who will venture to measure the consequences of actions by the apparent humility or the remoteness of their origin? The mysterious influence of that power which enchains the destinies of States, overruling the decisions of sovereigns and the forethought of statesmen, often deduces the greatest events from the least commanding causes."

For the School Committee,

WILLIAM ALLEN, *Chairman.*

EDMUND W. NUTTER, *Secretary.*

East Bridgewater, February 1, 1876.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1875-6.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Pupils.				Average attendance in 1875.				Percentage of Average Attendance.				No. under 5 yrs. of age.	No. over 15 yrs. of age.
	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	For Year.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	For Year.			
High School, - - -	89	89	83	92	84	85	80	.95	.96	.96	.96	26	2	
Intermediate, - - -	70	70	62	74	61	60	55	.87	.85	.89	.87	—	—	
North Primary, - - -	40	49	48	57	33	45	44	.81	.93	.91	.88	—	—	
East Primary, - - -	43	44	34	50	33	39	29	.77	.88	.88	.84	1	—	
West Primary, - - -	64	48	43	69	53	45	40	.83	.94	.93	.90	3	—	
Beaver, - - -	69	73	71	79	62	67	65	.89	.92	.91	.91	6	4	
Northville, - - -	16	17	20	22	12	15	17	.73	.85	.85	.81	1	1	
Eastville, - - -	30	29	24	32	23	21	19	.77	.75	.81	.78	—	2	
Curtisville, - - -	19	23	19	24	16	20	16	.84	.86	.83	.84	—	1	
Satuket, - - -	17	15	16	17	14	13	15	.84	.88	.91	.88	2	2	
Elmwood - - -	42	37	43	46	38	34	39	.91	.92	.90	.91	—	—	
	499	494	463	562	429	444	419					13	38	

In obtaining the average attendance of the several schools, the rule prescribed by the Board of Education has been strictly followed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

Treasurer of the School Committee.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation.....	\$5,250 00
From Massachusetts school fund	228 83
County Treasurer, dog licenses.....	183 23
Town of West Bridgewater, tuition	145 43
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Amount available.....	\$5,807 49

EXPENDITURES.

The sum of \$55.00 has been appropriated from the School Fund for the purchase of maps and dictionaries, as follows :

William Allen, dictionaries....	\$35 00
J. L. Hammett, maps.	20 00
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	\$55 00

TEACHING.

Paid Wyman C. Fickett.....	\$1,200 00
Etta K. Johnson ..	360 00
Hattie A. Cobb.....	490 00
Agnes I. Luzarder.....	245 00
Lucia A. Millett ..	277 60
Huldah M. Kingman.....	245 00
Georgianna Keith.....	280 00
Ida M. Pratt.....	420 00
Frances M. Holmes .	280 00
Ellen M. Buttomer.....	280 00
Isabel F. Nash.....	245 00
Bethia S. Keith ..	245 00
William H. Taylor.....	350 00
Mary E. Taylor.....	165 00
Florence Trow ..	3 00
L. W. Richards.....	25 00
Town of Brockton.....	18 35
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Amount for teaching...	\$5,128 95

FUEL.

Paid John Hobart, coal, High School Building....	\$45 85
E. B. Iron Co., coal, High School Building...	98 69
T. F. Wood, charcoal, High School Building..	4 00
John Hobart, coal, Elmwood	37 79
Albert L. Alger, coal, Elmwood....	5 00
Mark P. Hudson, wood, Elmwood.....	4 50
Abbott T. Hewett, wood, Satucket	4 50
George W. Harden, wood, Curtisville	24 00
George W. Harden, wood, Eastville.....	26 50
Henry Gurney, wood, Northville.....	14 00
Henry Gurney, wood, Beaver	14 00
Francis Hayward, wood, Beaver.....	9 00
Henry Gurney, wood, East Primary	9 00
George W. Harden, wood, East Primary	5 00
Henry Gurney, wood, North Primary	9 00
George W. Harden, wood, North Primary	5 00
Leslie Hopkins, shavings	1 80
Amount for fuel.....	<hr/> \$317 63

PREPARING FUEL.

Paid Enoch Freeman, Satucket.....	\$2 50
John T. Pratt, North Primary.....	6 10
John T. Pratt, East Primary.....	6 10
Enoch Freeman, Elmwood	3 25
George W. Harden, paid Eastville.....	11 25
George W. Harden, paid Curtisville.	10 00
Henry Gurney, paid Northville.....	5 00
Henry Gurney, paid Beaver.....	6 00
Amount for preparing fuel.	<hr/> \$50 20

CARE OF HOUSES.

Paid Wyman C. Fickett, care of furnace, High School	\$35 00
Mrs. Pat. Barrett, sweeping, High School.....	20 00
Mrs. Pat. Barrett, cleaning, High School.....	4 50
Mary Winn, cleaning, High School	75
Mrs. Pat. Barrett, sweeping, Intermediate ...	17 50
Warren Wentworth, Intermediate	8 33
William Reardon, Intermediate	5 00
Mrs. Pat. Barrett, cleaning, Intermediate.	7 20
Lizzie Adams, North Primary	1 63
Mary Barrett, North Primary	1 62
Mertie Wentworth, North Primary....	3 00
George Ferguson, North Primary.	3 33
Sarah Newhall, cleaning, North Primary.....	3 00
Fred. E. Fuller, East Primary	9 58
Mary Evans, cleaning, East Primary ...	3 00
Georgianna Keith, West Primary.....	9 58
Mary Evans, cleaning, West Primary	3 25
Ernest White, Elmwood	3 25
Fred. Fisher, Elmwood.....	3 00
James Kingman, Elmwood.....	3 33
Catharine Winn, cleaning, Elmwood....	3 50
Clifford Keith, Satucket	9 58
Catharine Winn, cleaning, Satucket.....	3 15
Ellen M. Buttomer, Curtisville	9 58
Geo. W. Harden, paid for cleaning, Curtisville.	4 00
Isabel F. Nash, Eastville.....	9 58
Geo. W. Harden, paid for cleaning, Eastville..	4 00
Bethia S. Keith, Northville	4 25
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$193 49</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$193 49
Paid Newton F. Humble, Northville	2 00
John Chamberlain, Northville	3 33
Bethia S. Keith, cleaning, Northville	3 00
William H. Taylor, Beaver	12 25
Waldo Hayward, drawing water, Beaver.	50
Mary Evans, cleaning, Beaver	3 50
Mary Winn, cleaning, Beaver	1 50
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Amount for care of houses	\$219 57

LAND, BUILDING, AND REPAIRS.

Appropriation, \$350.

Paid Edwin Brown, land, Northville	\$50 00
Noah A. Poole, carpenter work, Beaver	71 41
John M. Whiting, mason work, Beaver	35 00
S. M. Vaughan, painting, Beaver	69 50
George W. Harden, boards, Beaver	20 00
Francis Hayward, shingles, Beaver	7 00
Henry Gurney, labor and materials, Beaver...	25 00
Carver Cotton Gin Co., lumber, Beaver	6 42
Samuel R. Newhall, labor, Beaver	5 50
J. L. Hammett, chairs and settees, West Prim'y	25 00
Isadus Fuller, labor, West Primary	8 75
Hermon Leonard, labor, Elmwood	7 43
R. T. Brett, painting, etc., Elmwood	7 50
F. P. Whitmarsh, labor, etc., Northville	3 30
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\$341 81	

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation, \$400.

Paid Samuel J. Hoyt, labor	\$7 50
F. C. Nutter, filling out diplomas	2 00
Mitchell's express	50
Rhoda R. Alden, making curtains	1 00
Trustees of M. E. Society, use of vestry	3 00
Frank W. Edson, soap, etc.....	80
W. V. Judkins, three copies of "Nursery". ...	5 40
William B. Hall, repairing clocks.....	2 00
Mrs. F. Dunphe, making curtains.	75
W. K. Churchill, soap, etc	70
Samuel Poole, setting glass, etc.....	70
Henry Hobart, gravel	1 90
John Cook, team.....	3 75
Willard Johnson, stoves, etc.....	73 69
I. N. Nutter, books, stationery, etc.....	69 19
Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company . .	25 00
William Henshaw, text books...	45
H. M. Cable, text books.....	90
Isadus Fuller, labor.....	11 60
Alger & Co's. express	5 80
Henry A. Grow, setting glass.....	6 55
Ina Burrill, printing programmes.....	10 50
Jarvis Burrill, printing.....	19 25
Alfred Griffin, teams.....	6 00
J. L. Hammett, crayons, etc.	103 69
Waldo Hayward, labor.....	2 14
Enoch Freeman, labor.....	3 00
F. C. Nutter, team, etc.....	5 00
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<i>\$372 36</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$372 36
Paid Daniel Cummings & Co., pails and brooms ...	10 75
Thompson, Brown & Co., text books, etc	2 40
E. W. Nutter, paid for keys, etc.....	2 08
Ginn Bros., text books.....	2 03
Amos Hunting, soap, etc ..	1 79
Samuel R. Newhall, labor ..	11 43
Old Colony R. R. Co., freight.....	50
John T. Pratt, labor.....	11 67
Henry Gurney, repairs.....	5 40
A. C. Stockin, text books ..	6 35
Carver Cotton Gin Co., joist, etc ..	3 13
George W. Harden, repairs.....	4 75
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Amount for incidentals ..	\$434 64

RECAPITULATION.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Amount available.....	\$5,807 49
Paid for teaching	\$5,128 95
Fuel.	317 63
Preparing fuel.....	50 20
Care of houses..	219 57
Maps and dictionaries.	55 00
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	5,771 35
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Unexpended balance.....	\$36 14

LAND, BUILDING, AND REPAIRS.

Appropriation..	\$350 00
Amount expended	341 81
Unexpended balance	<hr/> \$8 19

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	\$400 00
Amount expended.	434 64

EDMUND W. NUTTER,

Treasurer of School Committee.

East Bridgewater, February, 1876.

FIFTY-THIRD

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1877.

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 12, 1877.

PLYMOUTH :

AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.

1877.

TOWN OFFICERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, 1876.

TOWN CLERK.
FRANK SMITH.

TREASURER.
ISAAC N. NUTTER.

COLLECTOR.
E. S. WHITMARSH.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.
E. S. WHITMARSH, ELIAB LATHAM, CHARLES H. GOSS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

For Three Years.—M. P. McLAUTHLIN, CLARENCE A. CHANDLER.

For Two Years.—BAALIS SANFORD, ASA MILLETT.

For One Year.—JARVIS BURRELL, FREDERIC S. STRONG, HENRY GURNEY.

AUDITORS.
CHARLES H. EDSON, GEORGE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES.
WILLIAM M. JUDKINS, SIDNEY PACKARD,
JOHN H. SCRIBNER, LUCIUS D. BURBECK.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

Dist. No. 1.	Henry Gurney,	Dist. No. 2.	Wellington Caldwell,
" 3.	Joseph Ramsdell,	" 4.	Warren Brown,
" 5.	Allen Washburn,	" 6.	Samuel Keith,
" 7.	Levi W. Noyes,	" 8.	Jotham Hicks,
" 9.	William E. Whitman,	" 10.	Caleb Goss.

POUND KEEPER.
WARREN BROWN.

FENCE VIEWERS.
SAMUEL KEITH, GEORGE ALLEN.

FIELD DRIVERS.
E. AUSTIN LATHAM, GEORGE B. HOWLAND,
NATHAN F. DUNPHE, AARON RAMSDELL.

MEASURERS OF WOOD.
HARLOW HARDEN, J. E. WATERMAN, W. K. CHURCHILL.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.
JOHN E. WATERMAN, CHARLES H. EDSON.

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER.
GEORGE H. BYRAM.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
HENRY A. GROW.

SEXTON.
SIDNEY PACKARD.

Report of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

TO THE VOTERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER:—

In presenting to you the report of Expenditures for the past year a few words of explanation may not be unnecessary.

At the beginning of the year you had \$2,764.65 in the Treasury, and there were no debts or evidences of debt against you. The present year we have paid the following sums for which no assessment was voted:

To Robert Orr, enlarging and repairing Town Hall..	\$3,548 00
Samuel Keith and Wm. T. Harris for coal house,	149 13
For land and grading.	294 25
Furnishing Town Hall.....	758 15
Roads and bridges.....	462 51
To the Town of South Abington	243 33
Calvin Holmes, settlement of suit	170 89
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	\$5,626 26
Deduct the amount in the Treasury.....	2,764 65
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Leaving a balance to be provided for of.....	\$2,861 61

This sum has been reduced by money received from the following sources: The amount added for convenience in assessing the tax, earnings of Town Hall, rent of Bouldry place, sale of old lumber, from other towns for aid to poor, and gifts from old folks' ball and dedication supper, and by savings from appropriations, to \$1,484.34. The assets of the Town which will be available next December amount to \$892. Cash and bills receivable in hands of Supérintendent of Almshouse, \$151.98. Making your net indebtedness, \$440.36.

At the last annual meeting the Selectmen were instructed to defend the suit of Jaspar N. Staples, *vs.* the inhabitants of East Bridgewater. This suit was brought without any warning to us, neither the plaintiff nor any person acting for him has ever asked either of the Selectmen for any compensation, compromise or settlement. The case was tried at the June term of the Superior Court, the jury found for the plaintiff and assessed damages in the sum of \$1,875. The defendants immediately moved that the verdict be set aside; pending the above motion the defendants moved for a new trial on the ground of newly discovered evidence. After a hearing before Judge Putnam, who tried the case, the verdict was set aside and a new trial ordered. The case has been put on the trial list for the February term of the Court by the plaintiff; the result you will soon be apprised of. It is sufficient, perhaps, for us to say that after we had recovered from our astonishment at the verdict of the jury, we came to the conclusion that we would not be deterred from seeking justice because one jury had rendered a verdict which we thought was wrong. We are happy to say the Court confirmed our opinion of the verdict.

Since the above was written the case has been continued to the June term of the Court, upon motion of the plaintiff.

In the case of Calvin Holmes, *vs.* the Town, we filed an offer of judgment, which, after a little parley, was increased a few dollars and accepted. Two other persons have asked for damages sustained on the highways, by reason of defects which they say existed. We have refused to compensate them.

The petition which you instructed us to make to the County Commissioners in regard to Satucket bridge was made and the petitioners have been heard. The Commissioners have decided that you must build the bridge and have given you until December 1st, 1877, to complete the work.

You are compelled, the present year, to build the road from West Street to Union Street.

Guide boards have been maintained at the same locations as at the last annual report.

It will be necessary to appropriate more money than last year. If you wish to keep the Town free from debt and pay small taxes, you must attend all Town meetings and vote only for those appropriations absolutely necessary. We contend that it is much more creditable to the Town to have a low rate of taxation, upon a full and fair valuation of property, than it would be to follow the example of some towns whose indebtedness is already burdensome.

STATE AID

PAID FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1876, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1877.

Eunice S. Bryant.....	\$48 00	<i>Amount brought forward..</i>	\$432 00
Harriet Eddy.....	48 00	Rachel B. Underwood.....	76 00
Sarah B. Gould.....	48 00	Eldridge Winsor.....	72 00
Betsey A. Hale.....	48 00	Charles L. Jones.....	72 00
Harriet F. McCarter.....	48 00	Sophronia Carter.....	48 00
William Reardon.....	48 00	Harriet S. Packard.....	48 00
Mary S. Ripley.....	48 00	Lucy S. White.	48 00
Lydia A. Sylvester.....	48 00	Mary Hudson.....	48 00
Thankful O. Trow.....	48 00	Sarah C. Hudson.....	48 00
<i>Amount carried forward..</i>			\$892 00

HIGHWAY DISTRICTS.

The following persons have been paid for labor and materials,
to wit:—

No. 1.

Henry Gurney.....	\$106 31
Eleazer Whitman.....	24 35
Benjamin H. Fisher.....	5 10
A. C White.....	2 25
David W. Gurney.....	35 10
Vernon H. Whitman.....	14 30
Owen McGuire.....	3 00
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	\$190 41

No. 2.

Wellington Caldwell.....	\$43 80
James F. Cook.....	14 43
Thomas Murray.....	15 62
Albion K. Benson.....	4 50
George L. French.....	5 75
Jeremiah Dunn.....	32 90
Patrick Quigley.....	75
David Roach.....	71 45
Stephen O'Neil.....	2 00
Henry Hobart.....	1 00
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	\$192 20

No. 3.

Joseph Ramsdell.....	\$37 25
Willis Harding.....	15 75
David Pratt.....	9 00
William Ramsdell.....	15 00
Benjamin F. Bisbee.....	11 25
Josiah E. Noyes.....	3 25
Lucius Harden.....	3 75
C. H. Baldwin.....	33 50
Oliver Pratt.....	7 50
Jeremiah D. Thurlow.....	26 50
Ebenezer Whitmarsh.....	6 00
Luther Hatch.....	8 00
John B. Brown.....	8 75
Asa W. Whitman.....	3 00
Olpha Keen.....	1 50
James Brown.....	10 00
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	\$200 00

No. 4.

Warren Brown, Supt.....	\$150 00
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No. 5.

Allen Washburn.....	\$107 77
George W. Harden.....	57 45
Ezra F. Sampson.....	5 25
George B. Howland.....	2 50
Cyrus Monroe.....	3 00
William S. Sampson.....	6 00
Luther Harden.....	3 75
Josiah Hathaway.....	7 50
Galen Latham.....	2 20
Samuel A. Orr.....	4 50
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	\$199 92

No. 6.

Samuel Keith.....	\$28 75
Ephraim Hardy.....	7 20
Simon Burrell.....	5 25
Martin Parris.....	3 53
Martin Sumner.....	4 50
George L. Chamberlain.....	6 70
Frank Wade.....	1 00
Charles Lincoln.....	3 45
Simeon C. Keith.....	4 44
Samuel A. Keith.....	1 88
Eliab Latham.....	38 40
Enoch Freeman.....	6 25
Bartholomew Donnelly.....	3 75
Galen Latham.....	70
Nathaniel Perkins.....	8 55
Robert Wade.....	6 75
Jeremiah Dunn.....	12 50
Joseph Veary.....	10 50
Abbott T. Hewitt.....	9 90
Benjamin Ward.....	6 00
Ruel A. Lincoln.....	1 80
Charles W. Lincoln.....	1 50
William Bottomore.....	1 20
Mark P. Hudson.....	8 00
Marcus Willis.....	6 25
Alfred Bottomore.....	1 50
William Desmond.....	4 50
Asa Millett.....	4 15
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	\$198 90

No. 7.

Levi W. Noyes.....	\$34 94
A. C. White.....	6 00
E. H. Kingman.....	3 50
James H. Rollins.....	21 45
James G. Knapp.....	5 50
W. L. Benson.....	21 00
George W. Sprague.....	11 25
Samuel Keen.....	4 50
David W. Gurney.....	16 50
Howard Paine.....	4 50
George T. Holmes.....	4 50
Edgar Norton.....	6 00
Martin Sumner.....	17 85
E. S. Davenport.....	4 65
Thomas Conant.....	6 00
Seth Bryant.....	10 28
Samuel S. Keith.....	9 00
Eugene Dunphe.....	5 10
William H. Soule.....	1 50
Eliab Latham.....	6 00

 \$200 00

No. 8.

Jotham Hicks.....	\$46 67
Patrick Birmingham.....	12 45
Joseph Howe.....	1 75
Rueben Bates.....	5 40
Moses P. Perkins.....	23
Heman Keith.....	2 10
F. D. Litchfield.....	3 68
Benjamin R. Robinson.....	68
Nathaniel Southworth.....	40 05
Jeremiah Dunn.....	48 35
Melvin L. Webber.....	5 10
East Bridgewater Iron Co....	7 20
Thatcher P. Wright.....	2 32
Samuel F. White.....	1 00
M. J. Litchfield.....	2 32

 \$179 30

No. 9.

William E. Whitman.....	\$74 46
Francis Hayward.....	42 25
Rufus A. Littlefield.....	7 00
Sidney Allen.....	2 40
Jeremiah Dunn.....	40 05
Waldo Hayward.....	26 34
Joseph Morse.....	6 00
Caleb Goss.....	1 50

 \$200 00

No. 10.

Caleb Goss.....	\$68 42
Patrick Noonan.....	3 60
John Noonan.....	3 75
Francis Hayward.....	5 25
Theodore Freeman.....	2 93
Simeon W. Richmond.....	1 28
Henry Gurney.....	1 00
Lysander Keith.....	78
Edmund Ford.....	14 75
Jeremiah Dunn.....	46 64
Ebenezer Tisdale.....	5 10
William E. Whitman.....	2 00
Charles H. Goss.....	9 45
Samuel F. White.....	85
Bartley Curran.....	3 75

 \$169 55

REPAIRS ON ROADS AND BRIDGES,

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SELECTMEN.

The following persons have been paid for labor and materials,
to wit :

Daniel N. Reed.....	\$ 75	<i>Amount brought forward..</i>	\$174 26
Charles A. Latham.....	6 93	E. Brooks Brown.....	5 25
David Roach.....	2 00	Timothy Mitchell.....	1 00
Luther Wade.....	2 62	W. Brown, Supt. of Almshouse	163 03
Joshua Sturtevant.....	1 50	Willard Johnson.....	3 10
A. S. Churchill.....	1 50	James Brown.....	60 00
Levi W. Noyes.....	2 26	Charles W. Siddall.....	75
Isadus Fuller.....	7 00	Galen Latham.....	14 47
Ezra F. Sampson.....	5 25	East Bridgewater Iron Co.,...	25 00
Martin Sumner.....	3 75	Samuel R. Newhall.....	75
Allen Washburn.....	6 00	Thomas Hewitt.....	2 00
George L. Chamberlain.....	60 75	Benjamin R. Robinson.....	3 00
Eliab Latham.....	58 20	Eliab Latham.....	5 00
John Vosmos.....	9 00	Gammon & Nutter.....	4 90
John Donnelly.....	6 75		
<i>Amount carried forward..</i>			\$462 51

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Abatement of taxes.. .. .	\$69 40
Avery & Doten, printing town reports for 1876	98 90
Books, stationery, and postage stamps	10 21
Alger & Co., express	2 70
Jarvis Burrell <i>et al</i> , printing.....	13 25
Willard Johnson, repairs at Town Hall.....	5 61
Benjamin W. Keith, insurance	53 50
B. F. Ellis, moving Town Hall furniture, &c	4 25
Elijah Hinkley, work at Town Hall.....	4 35
John Waterman, horse hire.....	4 00
Recording deed	65
E. S. Whitmarsh, railroad fares.....	17 20
T. F. Wood, for coal.. .. .	2 80
Paid twenty persons for shoveling snow.....	52 66
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	\$339 48

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid W. H. Osborne, Auditor.....	\$7 50
Charles H. Edson, Auditor.....	7 50
E. W. Nutter, Town Clerk.....	5 00
Frank Smith, Town Clerk.....	64 21
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector.....	103 54
I. N. Nutter, Treasurer.....	100 00
E. W. Nutter, School Committee.....	16 50
Baalis Sanford, School Committee.....	78 67
Asa Millett, School Committee.....	38 00
Martin P. McLauthlin, School Committee.....	47 00
Henry Gurney, School Committee.....	15 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, Selectman, Assessor, and Over- seer of Poor.....	266 00
Eliab Latham, Selectman, Assessor, and Over- seer of Poor.....	74 00
Charles H. Goss, Selectman, Assessor, and Over- seer of Poor.....	25 00
William M. Judkins, posting warrants and noti- fying town officers.....	25 00
L. D. Burbeck, Constable.....	1 50
W. H. Osborne, Moderator....	5 00
Sidney Packard, Sexton and Constable.....	131 50
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	\$1,011 67

EXPENSES OF LAW SUIT.

Paid for photographs, horse hire, surveying, &c.....	\$62 21
Thirty-five witnesses and for summoning.....	196 41
Wm. H. Osborne, counsel.....	162 08
Benjamin W. Harris, counsel.....	175 00
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	\$595 70

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For Highway districts	\$1,880 28
New road at Eastville	620 00
Incidentals	339 48
Town officers	1,011 67
Fish hurdle, &c.	75 99
Cemetery improvement	250 00
Decorating soldiers' graves	100 00
Expenses of law suit	595 70
Town of South Abington	243 33
Settlement of suit, Calvin Holmes <i>vs</i> the Town,	170 89
Repairs of highways and bridges by direction of Selectmen	462 51
Expenses incurred by enlarging and repairing the Town Hall	4,749 53
Almshouse use	816 71
Aid to poor persons out of Almshouse	675 14
State Aid	892 00
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	\$12,883 23

TOWN HALL ENLARGEMENT.

Paid Robert Orr for enlarging and repairing Town Hall	\$3,548 00
Samuel A. Orr for land	200 00
W. F. Whitney for settes and chairs	153 39
Freight on settees and chairs	10 21
Benj. Sidall for labor ..	4 00
Wm. T. Harris for labor and materials	48 65
Gammons & Nutter, furnaces, stoves, &c.	330 78
Rogers & Co., chandeliers, brackets, lamps, &c..	175 21
Freight and express	1 91
E. H. Brabrook, tables and mirrors	26 00
J. C. Haynes & Co., music stands	8 00
W. Brown, Supt., for grading Town Hall yard..	94 25
Samuel Keith and William T. Harris for coal house ..	149 13
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	\$4,749 53

TOWN HALL.

Received for use of hall from Feb. 1, to May 4, 1876..	\$71 50
Paid Elijah Hinkley for care of hall.....	32 00
For coal and oil.....	6 50
Treasurer	33 00
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	\$71 50
Net earnings of the old hall to May 4th, \$33 00.	

Received for use of new Town Hall from—

Rev. Geo. W. Ballou for lectures, 4½ nights.....	\$34 50
Chas. H. Edson, lecture, both rooms, 1 night...	11 00
Henry Hobart, lecture, 1 night.....	8 00
Mrs. Kimball E. Sheldon, entertainments, 2 nights	19 00
Patrick Dreslane, dance, 1 night... ..	10 00
Miss Bridget Conroy, dance, 1 night.....	10 00
Benj. M. White, dance, 1 night.....	10 00
Good Samaritan Club, 2 Sunday evenings.....	10 00
E. W. Nutter, dances, 4 nights.....	40 00
E. W. Nutter, lectures, 4 nights.....	32 00
Cushman Dramatic Company, 2 nights.....	20 00
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	\$204 50
Paid Mrs. Frank Winn for cleaning.....	\$6 50
Warren Brown, Supt., for wood.....	3 00
Gammons & Nutter for oil, &c.....	6 87
M. M. Keith for oil.	20 94
John Hobart for coal.....	20 82
William M. Judkins, constable.....	2 00
Elijah Hinkley for care of hall.....	40 87
Elijah Hinkley for keys.....	1 25
I. N. Nutter, Treasurer.....	102 25
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	\$204 50

Net earnings of new hall from Oct. 30th, 1876, to Feb.

1st, 1877..... \$102 25

The young ladies who hired the hall Nov. 2nd, kindly offered to make the town a present of a lecture desk if we would give them the use of the hall. They have made you a present which cost about forty-five dollars, and for it we thank them. For Dedication of Hall and for Old Folks' Ball nothing was received for use of hall, but the net proceeds were presented to the town, amounting to \$81.25. For a caucus, and for a school entertainment, nothing was received.

TOWN MEETING.

Copy of Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Meeting, to be held MARCH 12th, 1877, at 1 o'clock, P. M. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the reports of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4.. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways.

ARTICLE 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes, which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To act on a list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

LIST OF JURORS.

We submit for your consideration the following list of inhabitants of the Town, whom we think qualified to serve as Jurors :

George W. Allen,	Ezra Kingman,
Charles H. Brown,	Samuel Keith,
Edwin Brown,	Simeon C. Keith,
George Benson,	Eliab Latham,
Wellington Caldwell,	Edmund W. Nutter,
Warren K. Churchill,	Martin P. McLauthlin,
Elijah L. Clark,	Addison Pratt,
Luther Churchill, Jr.,	Francis W. Porter,
Daniel Edson,	David Pratt,
Henry Edson,	Oliver Pratt,
Charles H. Goss,	J. Henry Potter,
Caleb Goss,	Samuel Shaw,
Henry Gurney,	Benjamin White,
Samuel Gurney,	Calvin Wade,
Abbot T. Hewitt,	Eleazer Whitman,
Francis Hayward,	Frederic P. Whitmarsh,
John Hobart,	George A. Wright,
Luther Harden,	Noah A. Washburn,
Reuben Harden,	William E. Whitman,
Stephen Harlow,	William Vinton.

E. S. WHITMARSH,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>	
ELIAB LATHAM,		<i>East</i>
CHARLES H. GOSS,		<i>Bridgewater.</i>

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

VALUATION FOR 1876.

Real estate	\$946,090 00
Personal estate	283,090 00
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	\$1,229,180 00
Number of polls,	757.
Rate of taxation,	01.
State tax	\$1,386 00
County tax	1,524 42
Town tax	10,325 00
Added for convenience	570 38
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Committed for collection	\$13,805 80

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1876.

For schools	\$4,750 00
School incidentals	300 00
Repairs of school property	250 00
Roads	2,000 00
Incidental expenses	600 00
Payment of town officers	1,000 00
New road at Eastville	500 00
Fish hurdle, &c.	75 00
Improvement of cemetery	250 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00
Expenses of law suit	500 00
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	\$10,325 00

E. S. WHITMARSH, }
 ELIAB LATHAM, } *Assessors.*
 CHAS. H. GOSS, }

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE.

DR.

To inventory Feb. 1st, 1876	\$2,491 52
Superintendent's salary	300 00
Dr. Orr, medical attendance	25 00
Cash from the Treasury	491 71
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	\$3,308 23

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By inventory of Feb. 1st, 1877	\$2,413 56
Cost of supporting Poor at Alms house	894 67
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	\$3,308 23

Whole number of inmates during the year 13

Average number 8

Cost per week for support, \$2 15.

Present inmates—

Calvin Eaton	77 years of age
Lysander Bourne	68 years of age
Ard Edson	84 years of age
George H. Savory	59 years of age
Amos Mellen	78 years of age
George G. Cross	56 years of age
Adeline H. Keen	54 years of age
Catharine White	35 years of age
William E. White	7 years of age

Whole number of tramps for the year, 113.

*ASSISTANCE TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE
ALMSHOUSE.*

Paid State Lunatic Hospital for support of Nath'l S.	
Bouldry	\$211 17
State Lunatic Hospital for support of Geo. G.	
Cross	72 02
State Lunatic Hospital for support of Samuel B.	
Lang	39 00
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Reed and children	44 00
Miss Lucina Mitchell	52 00
Miss Sybil P. Dunbar	52 00
Mr. Joseph M. Whitman and family	31 69
Mr. Benj. H. Fisher and family	18 07
Mr. William Gallagher and family	29 29
Mr. Michael Hennessey	8 90
Miss Mary Reynolds	2 00
City of Lynn for aid to Mrs. Jas. Conner and	
children	72 00
City of Lowell for aid to Mrs. Jas. Quinn and	
children	37 00
Mrs. Catharine White	6 00
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\$675 14	

E. S. WHITMARSH,	}	<i>Overseers of the Poor.</i>
ELIAB LATHAM,		
CHAS. H. GOSS,		

REPORT OF COLLECTOR.

I have completed the collection of taxes for the year 1876, and report:—

Interest collected..... \$110 31

I have received the following abatements, viz:

Frank D. Millett, in Europe	\$2 00
Timothy Murphy, in Europe.....	2 00
A. G. Young, in New Mexico.....	2 00
George Mills, in Boston.....	2 00
Worcester Skinner, in Boston	2 00
Charles Whiting, in Hanson.....	2 00
Patrick Noonan, not taxable	2 00
Mendal A. Pratt, not taxable	2 00
Isaac A. Lyon, not taxable.	2 00
Henry V. Harwood, not taxable.....	2 00
Martin Kennedy, not taxable.....	2 00
Samuel A. Nelson, residence unknown.....	2 00
John Dillon, residence unknown.....	2 00
John Desmond, residence unknown	2 00
John Reardon, dead.....	2 00
L. A. Peck, in town, on personal.....	1 80
George L. French, in town, on poll.....	2 00
William L. Morey, in town, on poll and real.....	7 50
Charles Griggs, South Abington, on real estate.....	2 00
Reuben A. Gurney, Carver, poll and personal.....	3 50
John Burgess, Sweden, poll and personal	3 50
.....	4 00
E. T. Hobart, Abington, poll and personal	7 10
David Glover, British Provinces, poll and personal...	8 00

Total abatements on tax of 1876..... \$69 40

NOTE.—Since the above was in type, I have received four dollars of the amount above reported, and have paid the same to I. N. Nutter, Treasurer.

E. S. WHITMARSH, *Collector.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer*,

In Account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER :

DR.

Balance as per previous report	\$2,764 65
To Cash—	
Borrowed on Town notes	6,484 34
Received for release of real estate sold for non- payment of taxes	83 83
Received from Town of West Bridgewater for tuition of scholars	130 86
Received of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax	902 67
National Bank Tax	874 72
State Aid	868 00
Received of E. S. Whitmarsh, being proceeds of old folks' ball, (donated to Town)	60 50
Received of E. S. Whitmarsh, proceeds of dedi- cation supper	20 75
Received of E. S. Whitmarsh, net earnings of old Town Hall.	33 00
Received of E. S. Whitmarsh, amount received for rent of Bouldry place to Feb. 1, 1877	24 50
Received of E. Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax	59 10
State Treasurer, income of Massa- chusetts school fund	229 24
Town of Stoughton for relief of poor	231 53
Town of Brockton for relief of poor	12 00
Town of So. Abington for relief of poor	4 00
Town of Bridgewater for relief of poor	29 39
E. S. Whitmarsh, proceeds of sale of old material from town hall	2 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, net earnings of Town hall from Nov. 1, 1876, to Feb. 1, 1877	19 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector	102 25
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector	13,956 92
	\$26,894 00

CR.

By cash paid W. S. Danforth, recording deeds.....	\$5 50
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, for deeds of real estate sold for non-payment of taxes.....	56 89
Town notes given for money borrowed	5,000 00
Interest on notes for money borrowed	63 50
County tax for 1876.....	1,524 42
State tax for 1876.....	1,386 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, tax of 1876, on property sold for non-payment of taxes.....	34 90
Orders drawn by Selectmen.....	12,883 23
Orders drawn by School Committee...	5,898 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, amount paid by him in excess of amount due.....	40 81
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	\$26,894 00

ISAAC N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

East Bridgewater, Feb. 17, 1877.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have carefully examined the books of the Selectmen, School Committee, the Assessors, Treasurer, Collector and Warden of the Almshouse, and report as follows :

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer	\$12,883 23
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer	12,883 23

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer	\$5,898 75
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer	5,898 75

TREASURER.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, as per annual report of	
1876	\$2,764 65
Amount received during the year	24,129 35
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	\$26,894 00
Amount paid out	\$26,894 00

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection.....	\$13,805 80
Amount of interest collected.....	110 31
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Total amount received, <i>less abatements</i>	\$13,916 11
Amount of taxes abated..	69 40
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Actual amount received by Treasurer.....	\$13,846 71

The above amount has been paid into the Treasury, and the Treasurer's receipts therefor exhibited to us by the Collector.

We report that the assessment of taxes has been correctly made.

The Warden of the Almshouse has kept a careful account of all his receipts and expenditures.

We deem it our duty to say that the various officers, whose accounts we have audited, have maintained their past record for carefulness and accuracy.

CHARLES H. EDSON, }
 GEORGE ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Twenty-four marriages have been recorded in East Bridgewater during the year 1876.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, Residence, Etc.
1876.	
Jan'y 16.	Charles H. Reed, of Brockton, and Nellie E. Benson, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Jan'y 26.	Eliab Austin Latham and Lucy Ann Reynolds, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Feb. 16.	Elisha Alden Loring, of Everett, and Ellen Hayward Chaplin, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Feb. 17.	Herbert Franklin Hutchinson and Francis Emigene Ramsdell, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. F. Farrington.
April 23.	Lorenzo H. Ramsdell and Clara B. Hayward, both of Hanson. By Rev. D. W. Richardson.
May 30.	Henry H. Snow, of East Bridgewater, and Mary E. Alden, of East Stoughton. By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
June 10.	Joseph A. Barber and Susan R. Scott, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. W. F. Farrington.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, Residence, Etc.
June 13.	John Edwin Beals and Avis Theresa Macomber, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
June 14.	Frank W. Kingman, of Wareham, and Marietta K. Johnson, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
June 22.	Charles E. Stranger and Mary L. Emmerson, both of Brockton. By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
July 2.	William B. Mann and Hattie A. Young, both of Brockton. By Rev. W. F. Farrington.
July 4.	Marcus S. Reed, of South Abington, and Susan M. Whitman, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
July 29.	Edgar Benson and Lucy A. Reed, both of South Abington. By Rev. W. F. Farrington.
Aug. 6.	Frederick W. White, of East Bridgewater, and Fanny H. Pratt, of Hanson. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.
Aug. 15.	Walworth O. Barbour, of Cambridgeport, and Sarah G. Hinkley, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Francis C. Williams.
Sept. 3.	Charles Roscoe Beals and Mary Elizabeth Trescott, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
Sept. 7.	Frederic Clifton Nutter and Ina Louise Burrell, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Sept. 8.	William Henry Howe and Jane Howard Bell, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.
Nov. 22.	George Elmer Brown, of East Bridgewater, and Eliza Richmond Holmes, of Halifax. By Rev. G. W. Ballou.

- | Date. | Name of Groom and Bride, Residence, Etc. |
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| Nov. 29. | George W. Keith and Mercy W. Vosmos, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby. |
| Nov. 30. | Elmer Prescott Copeland, of East Bridgewater, and Abbie E. Reed, of Hanson. By Rev. J. W. Quinby. |
| Dec. 7. | William G. Field and Lucy Pratt Beals, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. W. Richardson. |
| Dec. 9. | Edward L. Soule, of Middleboro', and Emeline S. Turtevant, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby. |
| Dec. 28. | William A. McGlathry, of Searsport, Me., and Ellen L. Washburn, of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby. |

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

*BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1876.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1876.		
Jan'y	14, Alice W. Chandler, 23, Charles Chase Whitman, 28, Joseph W. Shaw,	William H. and Abbie W. Ezekiel and Emma J. Lyman C. and Fannie R.
Feb'y	4, Louis Barton Willis, 9, Mary Ellen Sullivan, 21, Mary Lee Feeney, 28, Alfred Lesage.	Galen 2nd and Celia A. John and Mary J. Michael and Mary. John E. and Olive.
March	12, Mary Isabel Mann,	Fred C. and Millie L.
April	7, Henry Freeman Blanchard, 9, Netty Buckley, 19, Joseph Va,	Augustus W. and Lizzie C. John and Eliza. Joseph and Julia.
	19, Florence Edna Ward, 24, Arthur Edward Ballou,	Stillman W. and Edith M. George W. and Miranda P.
May	7, George Everett Fisher, 22, John Lane Allen,	Benjamin H. and Mary A. Granville C. and Abbie L.
June	4, Frederick Mason Goodridge. 7, Henry Lewis Clark, 15, Harry Prescott Alden, 23, Lulu Irene Bates, 28, James P. Foley, 29, Abbie Bertha Burrell,	Leonard J. and Annie M. Andrew and Celia M. Arthur P. and Lorelia V. Albert and Lucelia. Patrick and Mary. Simon and Mary M.
July	7, Frederick Lester French, 15, Frank Newton Bourne, 21, Thomas Rogers, 23, Jane Barrows,	William H. and Almira D. Isaac N. and Martha J. Patrick and Catharine. Oliver C. and Ellen.
Aug.	2, Abbie Sargent Beals, 5, Annie Mitchell Sheffield, 13, Lottie Louise Severance, 14, Wadsworth Phillips Hathaway, 21, Eugene Austin Cole, 27, Edward Williams Washburn,	George G. and Harriet J. Benjamin F. and Mary E. George W. and Celia P. Hosea and Cynthia. Charles and Eva M.
Sept.	3, Fred Lewis Shurtleff, 11, Lydia Wright Thresher, 22, Rexford Alvarez Nash, 25, Mattie E. Harding, 30, Charles Ellis Davenport,	Selden M. and Rebecca L. Horace L. and Addie E. Daniel W. and Adrianna. Francis A. and Kezia L. Charles W. and Amelia A. Samuel C. and Margaret A.

BIRTHS.—Continued.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1876.		
Oct. 4,	Agnes T. Wright,	Isaiah F. and Annie M.
5,	James Sidney Allen, Jr.,	James S. and Alice.
22,	Carrie Hope Allen,	Charles E. and Flora E.
Nov. 3,	Addie Mabel Sturtevant,	Frauk L. and Hattie A.
10,	Annis May Ramsdell,	William G. and Ella A.
22,	——— Churchill,	Frederic S. and Francelia A.
Dec. 9,	Anna Brown Bird,	Henry W. and Irene M.
31,	John Luddy,	Patrick and Ellen.
1873.		
Dec. 21,	Cora E. Chandler,	William H. and Abbie W.
1874.		
Jan. 12,	Marena Gertrude Pratt,	Allen P. and Lorinda R.
26,	James Henry Davenport,	Samuel C. and Margaret A.
Aug. 1,	Michael Rogers,	Patrick and Catharine.
1875.		
May 8,	Presott Washburn,	Orace and Hannah.
Nov. 2,	Ernest Winfred Mitchell,	George T. and Maria A.

Whole number of Births in 1876..... 44

Males..... 24

Females 20

Of foreign parentage..... 7

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

*DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1876.*

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Years.	Mos.	Days.	
1876.					
Jan. 17,	John T. Reardon,	22	2		Consumption.
23,	Jacob A. Rogers,	71	6	18	Bronchial Consumption.
Feb. 3,	Grace Frances Hayward,	1	6	15	Congestion of Brain.
5,	Clarissa Holmes,	85	11	9	Old Age.
7,	Electa Reed,	83			Old Age.
12,	Ambrose Vincent McLauthlin,	1	4	1	Congestion of Brain.
20,	Eliza Hyde Rust,	77	8	11	Paralysis.
Mch. 2,	Elbridge Curtis,	68	5	21	Paralysis.
6,	Walter Allen Severance,		7	6	Heart Disease.
9,	Ellen Burke,	1	2	21	Croup.
14,	Polly Tirrell,	77	5		Old Age.
15,	Daniel French,	83	0	13	Paralysis.
17,	John Gorman,	11	3	13	Diphtheria.
24,	Lydia R. Paine,	83	6	4	Old Age.
25,	William T. Gallagher,	20	1	23	Consumption.
27,	Ellen J. Campfell,	10	4	10	Diphtheria.
April 1,	Sally Belcher,	88	11	27	Old Age.
3,	James Rollins,	54	4	2	Taking Tincture of Aconite.
5,	Daniel Eugene Littlefield,	23	1	26	Congestion of Brain.
6,	Fannie Neville,		11	9	Croup.
9,	Charles Henry Hayward,		7	17	Convulsions.
12,	Bethiah Tirrell,	81	7	9	Erysipelas.
13,	Kate Barton,	7	6	8	Diphtheria.
14,	Sarah M. Neville,	2	6	7	Croup.
17,	Andrew Campfell,	6	5		Diphtheria.
19,	Annie Neville,	6	3	19	Diphtheria.
20,	Israel Hobart,	64	9	8	Heart Disease.
27,	Georgianna W. Beals,	34	2	6	Bronchial Consumption.
28,	Florence Mabel Edson,	2	8	3	Pneumonia.
May 12,	Katy Roach,	7	8	12	Scarlet Rash.
June 9,	Margaret Reardon,	55			Consumption.
28,	William Franklin Soule,	11	10	25	Acute Rheumatism.
July 18,	Nathaniel Beals,	69	3	2	Paralysis.
26,	Thomas Wade,	84	10	19	Old Age.

DEATHS.—Continued.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Years.	Mos.	Days.	
1876.					
Aug. 10,	Patrick Kennedy,	30			Carbuncle.
11,	Harry Prescott Alden,		1	27	Cholera Infantum.
11,	Thomas O'Brien,	11	6		Diphtheria.
15,	Henry Lewis Clark,		2	8	Canker.
21,	Andrew O'Brien,	8	7	21	Diphtheria.
26,	Bertha Ames,		5	4	Cholera Infantum.
Sept. 7,	Melven Bailey,	77	7		Dropsy.
11,	Horace E. Wentworth,	32	11	3	Consumption.
14,	George Everett Fisher,		4	7	Cholera Infantum.
19,	Relief Hersey,	73		8	General Debility.
28,	Sophronia M. Whitman,	67	5	10	Dropsy.
Oct. 12,	Ernest Warren White,	14	11	8	Typhoid Fever.
Nov. 1,	Orrin Parris,	80	5	26	Old Age.
Dec. 5,	Sabina L. Cushing,	65	11	15	Gastric Fever.
26,	Lewis Keith,	77	8	14	Old Age.
28,	Edith May Boden,	10	9	14	Diphtheria.

Whole number of Deaths registered 50

Males 27

Females 23

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER,

For 1876-77.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

To the citizens of East Bridgewater, the Annual Report of the School Committee is respectfully submitted :

At the beginning of the school year, the Committee was composed of the following members: William Allen, E. W. Nutter, Henry Gurney, Asa Millett, Baalis Sanford, Martin P. McLaughlin and Clarence A. Chandler.

Messrs. Allen and Nutter having resigned the office, a convention of the Selectmen and School Committee elected Jarvis Burrell and Frederic S. Strong to supply the vacancies until the next annual town meeting.

The Board was organized by the choice of Baalis Sanford, Chairman, Martin P. McLaughlin, Secretary, and Henry Gurney, Treasurer.

The Chairman and Secretary, together with Messrs. Millett and Chandler, were chosen a Sub-Committee for the examination and appointment of teachers, and the visitation and supervision of schools.

The special oversight of the High, Beaver and Intermediate schools was delegated to Mr. Sanford; the three Primaries to Mr. McLaughlin; the schools in Eastville, Curtisville, and Northville, to Dr. Millett; and the schools in Elmwood and Satucket to Mr. Chandler.

But few changes have been made in our corps of teachers for the year. In the latter part of the Fall term, Miss Ida M. Pratt of Elmwood, had the offer of a more remunerative position elsewhere, and was reluctantly released; her place being supplied by Miss Luzarder, who for some three years had been an assistant in the Intermediate. At the same time it was judged by the Committee that the interests of the Elmwood school, as at present constituted, required an assistant for the Primary department, and Miss Gracie S. Swallow was assigned to that position. The vacancy in the Intermediate caused by this transfer was supplied by the appointment of Miss Alice C. Newhall.

NAMES OF TEACHERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS.

High School,	{ Mr. WYMAN C. FICKETT, <i>Principal</i> , Miss LILLIE A. HICKS, <i>Assistant</i> .
Intermediate,	{ Miss HATTIE A. COBB, <i>Principal</i> , Miss ALICE C. NEWHALL, <i>Assistant</i> .
Elmwood, . . .	{ Miss AGNES I. LUZARDER, <i>Principal</i> , Miss GRACIE S. SWALLOW, <i>Assistant</i> .
Beaver,	{ Mr. WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, <i>Principal</i> , Mrs. MARY E. TAYLOR, <i>Assistant</i> .

Northville,	Miss FANNIE M. GURNEY.
Eastville,	Miss ELIZA RICHARDS.
Satucket,	Miss FRANCES M. HOLMES.
Curtisville,	Miss ELLEN M. BUTTOMER.
North Primary,	Miss LUCIA A. MILLETT.
East Primary,	Miss HULDAH M. KINGMAN.
West Primary,	Miss GEORGIANNA KEITH.
Music teacher for High and Intermediate schools,—	
	Mr. L. W. RICHARDS.

LENGTH OF TERMS.

The appropriation made by the Town for its schools, at its last annual meeting, was five hundred dollars less than that of some years immediately preceding. To extend them to the usual length—forty weeks to the High School, and thirty-five to each of the others—has required the strictest economy,—and, so far as we are able to judge at this writing, the sum appropriated may have been slightly overdrawn. But we do not believe that the Town would have us take a retrograde step, or by materially reducing the wages of teachers, diminish the efficiency of the Schools. It must commend itself to every thoughtful mind, that the Town had better make retrenchments in anything else rather than in the means of supporting that from which spring its greatest honors and advantages,—the education of its children. The plan of having three terms of school in each year, with

an aggregate of thirty-five weeks for each of the Common Schools, has, for a considerable period, been estimated by the Committee and the people, as giving the proper amount of time to study, and leaving sufficient space for recreation. But this plan, we think as a rule, cannot easily and fully be carried out under the reduction of the school appropriation alluded to, without the necessity of such low wages as will fail to secure the best teachers.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The Committee are happy to report reasons for great encouragement in our public educational work, though there is still room for much improvement. In looking back over a series of years, there is nothing, perhaps, more noticeable than the improved condition of our school houses. There are those among us who can remember when the school buildings of the Town reflected upon it very little credit. Some of them were jugged out almost into the street,—none of them attractive in their outward aspect and still less so within, where opening seams rendered ventilation only too easy, and straight backed seats, smoked and shattered ceilings, jack-knife carvings upon the desks and benches, and general untidiness of entries and floors, not only conflicted with the comfort, neatness and health of the pupils, but invited their depredations and unmannerly conduct.

After the abolishment of the district system, a new interest was awakened on this subject, and liberal sums were appropriated for erecting or remodeling and furnishing school buildings. And this is a mark of progress in the right direction. For it has ever been found that where the people are niggardly in appropriations for school accommodations, they take little interest in the schools themselves. And aside from the fact that the prosperity of a school depends in a high degree, though not chiefly, upon good and pleasant rooms and surroundings, a regard to self-interest should urge to generous appropriations for this purpose, for, as has well been said, "is it not true that good school houses in a town are the best bonds a property holder can have, and good public schools his best and safest policy of insurance, for the continued and increasing valuation of his estate." It may be thought needless to add that the houses, when provided, should be kept in complete repair. But it too often happens that defects, which in private dwellings would be removed at once, are too often neglected in school buildings from year to year.

The roof of the Elmwood school house has been shingled anew; the yard at Northville has been fenced and graded; but the improvements are not completed. These, and a few other small expenditures, have exhausted the appropriations for repairs, while the roof of the High School building still remains in much need of renewal, being in a leaky condition.

Every school room should be furnished with maps, books of reference, a globe, and other appliances for the purposes of illustration. The Committee have done something, the last year, to supply remaining deficiencies in this direction.

After a long and careful inspection of the West Primary school house, the Committee are agreed in pronouncing it in a location unfit for the education of children. The yard being much too small, not allowing space for a much needed wood-house, and a sufficient play-ground for the pupils, and the out-buildings in unhealthful proximity to the school-room, we earnestly unite in recommending to the Town to purchase another lot on which to place the present school edifice, or to erect a new one, with all the proper appendages.

HIGH SCHOOL

Number in Classical course 40.

Number in English course..... 40.

SUMMER TERM.—Whole number, 90. Average number, 85. Per cent., $.94\frac{1}{2}$.

FALL TERM.—Whole number, 84. Average attendance, 76. Per cent., $.90$.

WINTER TERM.—Whole number, 80. Average number, 74. Per cent., $.92$.

Average number for year, 85. Per cent., $.92$.

Number of seniors, 13. Sub-seniors, 17. Middle class, 33. Junior class, 17. Whole number, 80.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SCHOOL YEAR.

Senior class, average	9.01
Sub-senior class, average.....	8.93
Middle class, first section.....	9.38
Middle class, second section	7.69
Junior class	8.70
Average for school.....	8.74

NAMES OF GRADUATING CLASS.

Classical Course.—Four Years.

Willie S. Washburn,	Emma F. Mills,
E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr.,	Fannie W. Richards,
Lucy A. Field,	Hannah G. Welsh,
Julia A. Hall,	Emma C. Whitman,
Lucy H. Keith,	Jennie M. Whitman,
Fannie T. Leach,	Mary J. Whitmarsh.
Agnes K. Littlefield,	

Average age,—17 years, 2 months.

At the beginning of the school year, eighteen were admitted on examination by written questions, an average of seventy-five per cent. of correct answers being required. Many of them exceeded this requirement. This result showed a proficiency above that of former classes, and reflected credit on the lower schools as to the work of preparing their advanced scholars for the highest grade.

The school has maintained, the last year, an honorable standing. The work both in the Classical and English departments has been in a good degree satisfactory. The record of frequent "test exercises" in each study, and personal observation of the operations of the school-room, evince a general progress, thorough and extensive, preparatory to higher excellence in the immediate future, if the proper appliances are furnished and maintained.

Your Committee have no doubt the best prosperity of the school is impeded by its want of sufficient space. For the last two years the number of pupils has been much larger than formerly, and a part of the time the room has been crowded to its utmost seating capacity. The recitation room is much too small, and poorly ventilated. There are no conveniences for apparatus, experiments, and illustrations in Chemistry,—a very useful, as well as interesting study of the course. The entries do not serve the necessary purposes of so large a number. There is no suitable apartment for the library. A serious drawback is also experienced by a lack of means for supplying water, a considerable sum being expended every year for bringing it up from a neighboring well. These facts we present to the Town as showing unmistakably that the growing interests of this school urgently call for an enlargement of its accommodations. This is true also, to a certain extent, of the large school in the same building, so intimately connected with it, and a yearly contributor to its numbers.

We rejoice in the public improvements recently made for the better accommodation of the meetings of the citizens. But what has a higher claim to our liberal appropriations than the necessary measures for removing hindrances which impair the efficiency of the school that stands at the head of our educational system, and prevent it from reaching its highest utility in preparing the children of the Town to become intelligent and virtuous citizens, qualified to fill and adorn the various positions of trust and influence in an enlightened community. This appeal, we believe, will approve itself to the general intelligence and candor of the people.

TEACHING IN THE COMMON SCHOOLS.

Whatever may be the excellence of school accommodations, they are subordinate and subservient to the living, controlling influence of a competent teacher. The schools, the past year, though in the main appearing well and worthy of commendation, have shown different degrees of progress in learning, and of excellence in order and character. It is evident that while the methods of teaching have, under the instruction of High and Normal schools, considerably improved, the last thirty years, still the perfect ideal of the model school has not yet been reached.

Your Committee have endeavored to recognize and make vital the fact, that the first essential element

of successful instruction in Common Schools, is thoroughness in the *elementary studies*. Children have naturally an ambition or vanity to enter into the higher branches of study, before the elementary books have been thoroughly mastered. This disposition, if encouraged, as it often is, by parents or teachers, will give the pupil a show of knowledge, and make him wise in his own conceit, without any real solid attainments. He should have enough to occupy him for the day, but no more than he can do *well*. And what he has acquired in advance should be fixed in the mind by frequent *reviews*. In this way alone can the study be completely mastered. Such is the experience of the best judges. Said Cicero : “ I have read Plato with the greatest diligence and exactness, *over and over again*.” He did not deem one reading, or even two enough to secure a knowledge of the profound utterances of the great philosopher. Superficialness of instruction in the rudiments of education, will of course beget in the learners a want of thoroughness in every succeeding department, and the same habit will be likely to cleave to them in all the business of life.

But in order to impart this thorough instruction, teachers must be well trained themselves in the elementary branches of education, as well as in the methods of imparting a knowledge of them to the young. As the stream cannot rise higher than its source, they cannot expect to lead their pupils in a course better than that which they themselves have pursued.

It is essential then, that they feel the importance of dealing with practical principles,—of being able to give explanations and illustrations, instead of giving only the words and abstract rules of a book. Rules are indeed important, but only as presenting the practical principles which they embody. To be anything more than an empty name, instruction must be adapted to the capacity of the learners ; it must reach and quicken the hidden springs of thought, and thus awaken a lively and permanent interest.

In respect to these methods of teaching, a considerable advance has been made ; but still there are remaining deficiencies, and of these the best instructors are the most sensible, and the most active to overcome them. It is not difficult to discover those teachers who are endeavoring to improve themselves,—who read and study educational authors, to become wiser and better in their work from year to year. These are the teachers sought after, while those who are known to be satisfied with the same daily routine of formal exercises in school, and while out of it, are chiefly engaged in pleasure-going, or reading the trashy literature of the day, may expect to be relieved of the grave duties of the school-room.

It demands a well furnished and suggestive mind to teach even a Primary school. It needs a power of method and illustration “ to give freshness and life to the

exercises, and place them in varied and attractive lights," and that teacher who studies no variety to avoid the monotony which is ever wearisome, and pursues the same method, with no effort to stimulate the curiosity which so strongly prompts to the acquisition of knowledge, has reason for misgiving, as to the proper choice of her vocation.

But we have sometimes found it necessary to present to teachers the caution not to help the pupil too much, so as to prevent his own earnest and continuous efforts. The work of the instructor will be worse than in vain, if not attended by the active endeavor of the learners to take fast hold of instruction. The difficulties in study are there to excite their strong purpose and assiduous mental labor to overcome them. And this not only achieves precious victories, but gives to the mind an energy which is the best promise and auxiliary for carrying forward great and good enterprises in after life. There is no "royal road" to the attainments of science. Among all the labor-saving inventions of this ingenious age, so famous for shortened routes, and swiftness of travel, and wonder-working machinery, there has been found no effective method for separating high culture from hard work.

Another, and not the least important part of teaching which we have insisted on, in the Common School, is *discipline*. An ability to govern is indispensable alike to its literary and moral excellence. Without established

order, influences preventive of studious habits and correct behavior are sure to predominate.

The methods of maintaining good discipline are various, and to be adopted according to circumstances. As school teachers "are monarchs within certain limitations," but are bound to use their power without abusing it, they should first of all see to it that their rules and exactions are just, and then carry them out inflexibly, yet kindly, with an unruffled temper, and a placid countenance. The wilfully disobedient *must* be restrained, and brought under control of rightful authority, or order is impossible, and the school, a failure.

But the great end of school discipline is to produce in scholars *self-restraint*. And moral power employed and exemplified before them at all times, will be successful in a high degree, in inspiring them with such a love of order and right doing as to constrain them to govern themselves,—thus building up character, and preventing the necessity of punishments. The State regards it in this light, and with emphatic simplicity enumerates the moral virtues which are "the stability of our times" as well as the ornament of human society, and which it requires the instructors of youth to inculcate in precept, and to render impressive by their own example. This indicates the crowning excellence and dignity of the teachers' work. Truly was it said: "There is no office higher than that of the teacher of youth; for there is nothing

on earth so precious as the mind, soul, and character of the child. No office should be regarded with greater respect." This truth should bear with impressive weight on the minds of all candidates for this sacred office, leading them to an earnest use of all possible means for a thorough course of training for the work.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

It has been thought by many that while an undue proportion of attention has been given in the Common Schools to Geography and Arithmetic, not enough has been devoted to the study of our own language. As this is the medium by which knowledge is to be obtained and imparted, as it is in fact the instrument by which the business of life is transacted, it is manifestly of the first importance. All persons have occasion to express their thoughts, and to do it with accuracy and force is highly conducive to success, especially in a country that maintains the freedom of speech and the press. Nothing is in more constant demand than the proper use of language. Its influence is felt in the daily conversation of the home and the school-room, as well as in the debates of the public forum. Give the pupils the power of expressing thought, and you put into their hands the most valuable means of influence in any department of the business of life. And yet, is it not too true that

many in our schools are striving to master the higher processes of Mathematics and Philosophy, who, to say nothing of imperfections in Spelling and Reading, graduate without ability to speak or write their mother tongue correctly?

The deficiencies in this branch betray some errors in the modes of teaching it. It often happens that pupils are made familiar with the science of Grammar, become well acquainted with the rules of parsing and analysis, and can even detect errors in the structure of sentences, and yet have little or no skill in the actual use of language by writing or speaking. This by no means disproves the importance of attending thoroughly to the science of Grammar, and fixing in mind its rules, principles and definitions,—for, as has well been said: “it is not the province of any science to impart skill to execute, but rather to teach the learner *how* to do, and and to inform him when his work is well performed.” Knowledge, or theory alone, does not give facility in the use of language. This is emphatically an art which can only be learned by knowledge connected with practice in the construction of sentences, oral and written. The great want in our schools is not less knowledge of the rules and principles of English Grammar, but more of practice in the proper expression of thought in accordance with them.

It is the wish and design of the Committee to have particular care taken even in the lowest grades, to teach not only the right pronunciation of words, but their meaning and uses. For this purpose every recitation will furnish an opportunity ; and no answer should be accredited as correct that is not properly expressed. The objects about which they are taught in the lessons, and which naturally excite their interest, they should be required to describe, and, as the mind begins to develop, they should be directed to re-produce narratives or other pieces given to them by reading, or by dictation from the teacher. Let this method be persistently followed, and the results will be manifest through all the grades. False modes of speech, so often grating the ear, will be seldom heard. The study of Grammar, in connection with the use of language, would be invested with new charms, and the gratified learners would enter the High School far better prepared to experience the benefits of its course. And as they advance to the studies of the closing year, they would be much more highly qualified to appreciate and copy the beauties of classical literature, to make the arts of Rhetoric their own, and acquire such a knowledge and command of the English language, as not only to have thoughts worthy of utterance, but the ability clearly and tastefully to express them, in the essay of graduation, and whenever occasion shall require.

DRAWING.

By an act of the Legislature, approved May 16, 1870, the first Section of Chapter 38, of the General Statutes was amended so as to include Drawing among the branches of learning required to be taught in the public schools. Since then a growing attention has been given to the subject, both by educators and others interested in its importance as an industrial art. Our own late School Reports have spoken in high commendation of the study, as it had incidentally appeared from time to time in our schools.

The present Committee having well considered the matter ; voted, at a meeting held Dec. 5, 1876, " that Industrial Drawing be immediately introduced into the several schools of the town, and be henceforward a required study therein."

In order that its formal introduction might meet with more assured success, the Committee determined upon a course of elementary instruction to our teachers, to meet the inexperience of a part of their number in this study, requesting however the attendance of their full corps.

Arrangements were at once made in Boston by which a valuable introductory lecture on Industrial Drawing was given, and a course of six lessons secured, covering in their extent quite a field of elementary instruction. This

course was well attended by our teachers, and by the senior class of the High School.

Instruction at the same time was commenced in all the schools by the teachers, two hours a week being assigned to the study ; the Board having prescribed for text books the Walter Smith system.

The Board took one step more, and, as the High School in its present term continued four weeks beyond the closing of the other schools, furnished this school the use of diagrams and drawing material, requiring their return at the close of the term. the property therein belonging to the town.

The several public examinations that have occurred since the introduction of the study have not only shown with what interest our teachers engaged in their newly required work, but also the alacrity with which their pupils seized upon the novel study, the whole demonstrating that under well directed instruction, Drawing is capable of affording a wand of potent advantage in the avocations of practical life.

Your Committee only claim to have made a beginning, requiring at the present nothing beyond the most elementary instruction. Only in this manner can genuine progress be assured. " Doing can only be learned by doing ; Drawing by drawing."

A late able French Commission has well said : —
 " Among all the branches of instruction, which in differ-

ent degrees, from the highest to the lowest grade, can contribute to the technical education of either sex, *Drawing, in all its forms and applications, has been almost unanimously regarded as the one which it is most important to make common.*"

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

For Schools.....	\$5,000 00
Repairs	750 00
Incidentals.....	450 00
Total	<hr/> \$6,200 00

For the School Committee,

BAALIS SANFORD, *Chairman.*

MARTIN P. McLAUGHLIN, *Secretary.*

East Bridgewater, February, 1877.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1876-7.

Description of School	Number of Pupils.			Average Attendance			Percentage Average Attendance.				No. under 5 yrs. of age.	No. over 15 yrs. of age.	Length of School in weeks.			Length of School during year in weeks.
	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	For Year.						
High, - - - - -	90	84	80	85	76	74	.94	.90	.92	.92	0	50	12	14	14	40
Intermediate, - - - -	76	72	67	62	64	59	.82	.90	.88	.86	0	32	12	13	10	35
Elmwood, - - - - -	45	48	41	41	41	38	.91	.88	.93	.90	0	0	12	13	10	35
Beaver, - - - - -	61	67	66	56	60	60	.93	.90	.91	.91	1	2	12	12	11	35
Curtisville, - - - - -	26	24	18	24	21	13	.90	.88	.72	.86	2	1	12	13	10	35
Eastville, - - - - -	22	24	18	24	18	14	.88	.75	.77	.94	0	1	11	14	10	35
Northville, - - - - -	19	15	11	15	14	9	.79	.93	.81	.84	1	0	13	12	10	35
North Primary, - - - -	54	57	56	42	54	53	.77	.95	.94	.89	1	0	12	13	10	35
East Primary, - - - - -	28	36	30	23	31	26	.83	.86	.86	.85	0	0	12	13	10	35
West Primary, - - - - -	45	43	42	35	40	37	.77	.93	.88	.86	1	0	12	13	10	35
Satucket, - - - - -	17	18	15	16	16	14	.93	.90	.93	.92	0	2	12	13	10	35
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FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATION BY THE TOWN.

For schooling proper	\$4,750 00
incidental expenses	300 00
repairs.....	250 00
Received from Town of West Bridgewater	130 86
State Treasurer	231 53
County Treasurer.....	229 24
Amount available.....	<u>\$5,891 63</u>

FUEL AND PREPARING.

Paid Asa Millett, coal	\$93 61
T. F. Wood, charcoal	9 85
Charles H. Goss	36 00
Eliab Latham.....	16 00
George W. Harden.....	26 00
Thomas H. Cummings.....	12 00
Enoch Freeman.....	16 00
Isaac Lincoln.....	18 00
Josiah O. Kingman.....	1 50
Henry Gurney.....	63 88
Total.....	<u>\$292 84</u>

TEACHING.

Paid Wyman C. Fickett	\$1,100 00
Lillie A. Hicks.....	370 00
Etta K. Johnson.....	9 00
Hattie A. Cobb.....	350 00
Agnes I. Luzarder.....	250 60
Alice C. Newhall.....	59 00
Jennie S. Edson.....	15 60
Wm. H. Taylor.....	350 00
Mary E. Taylor.....	177 00
Ida M. Pratt.....	196 00
Grace T. Swallow.....	50 40
Frances M. Holmes.....	232 00
Susan B. Dunphe.....	140 80
Eliza Richards.....	276 80
Ellen M. Buttomer.....	280 00
Lucia A. Millett.....	280 00
Georgianna Keith.....	184 00
Huldah M. Kingman.....	245 00
Fannie M. Gurney.....	245 00
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Total.....	\$4,811 20

CARE OF HOUSES.

Paid W. C. Fickett.....	\$50 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett.....	45 05
Julia A. Hall.....	5 00
Charles Waterman.....	1 00
W. S. Wentworth.....	1 50
Wm. H. Taylor.....	15 00
Freddie E. Fuller.....	9 00
Ellen M. Buttomer.....	10 50
Mrs. C. Winn.....	7 50
Mrs. Sheridan.....	3 50
Elmyra Sturtevant.....	6 00
Freddie Gardner.....	3 00
Mrs. O. Maguire.....	4 00
Daniel P. Dyson.....	3 00
E. W. Thrasher.....	6 00
A. A. Tilden.....	5 00
Edward Porter.....	3 00
Levi P. Churchill.....	3 00
Susan B. Dunphe.....	3 00
Georgianna Keith.....	6 00
Fannie M. Gurney.....	9 00
Eliza Richards.....	3 00
Mrs. J. Chadwick.....	4 00
Mrs. J. Nute.....	3 00
James Kingman.....	3 00
S. N. Scribner.....	3 00
Wm. Ramsdell.....	75

 \$215 80

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid M. P. McLauthlin, stationery, &c.....	\$8 49
Wm. H. Taylor.....	87
Levi P. Churchill.....	40
Georgianna Keith, book.....	80
John Vosmos.....	2 95
L. W. Richards, music.....	25 00
W. C. Fickett.....	8 58
Wm. B. Hall.....	2 00
A. G. Whitcomb, seats and desks.....	12 38
C. A. Chandler, freight.....	51
J. L. Hammett, maps, ink, erasers, crayons, &c.....	41 10
I. N. Nutter, Committee, use of Church.....	6 00
I. N. Nutter, books, &c.....	14 42
Samuel F. White.....	1 00
John M. Whiting.....	65
W. Johnson, hardware, &c.....	6 32
F. C. Mitchell, water.....	3 60
Everett D. Brown, water.....	5 00
Dana F. Edson, water and labor.....	7 70
Ellen M. Buttomer.....	96
Zenas W. Sturtevant.....	5 13
Enoch Freeman.....	3 00
Ina N. Burrell, printing.....	15 00
• Asa Millett.....	1 00
A. Kenney, ruling books.....	1 62
Harlow Harden.....	2 25
J. E. Waterman.....	1 41
Isadas Fuller.....	1 25
Henry Gurney.....	3 75
A. C. Stockin... ..	10 80
L. Prang & Co., books and material for drawing.....	51 90
Gammons & Nutter, repairing stoves, mats, oil lamps, hardware, &c.....	75 50
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	\$320 32

REPAIRS.

Paid Isadas Fuller, shingling Elmwood House.....	125 65
Mark P. Hudson, grading, Elmwood.....	6 00
Wm. Ramsdell, painting, W. Primary.....	6 00
Wm. Ramsdell, painting, Northville.....	5 00
Warren Brown, grading, Eastville.....	8 25
F. P. Whitmarsh, labor and stock on wood- shed, Northville.	23 80
James Brown, grading, Northville ...	6 00
Alfred Brown, labor on wall, Northville.....	6 50
D. W. Gurney, labor on wall and grading, Northville.....	15 37
Henry Gurney, labor on wall and grading, Northville	49 50
Henry Gurney, labor on fence, W. Primary...	6 52
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	\$258 59

RECAPITULATION.

SCHOOLING PROPER.

Amount available.....	\$5,341 63
Paid for teaching.....	\$4,811 20
Fuel and preparing.....	292 84
Care of houses.....	215 80
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	\$5,319 84
Unexpended.....	<hr/>
	\$21 79

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Amount expended.....	320 32
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Overdrawn	\$20 32

REPAIRS.

Appropriation	\$250 00
Amount expended.....	258 59
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Overdrawn	\$8 59

HENRY GURNEY,

Treasurer of School Committee.

East Bridgewater, February, 1877.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, FEB. 17, 1877.

We hereby certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the School Committee, and find all the items properly entered and vouched for.

CHARLES H. EDSON, }
 GEORGE ALLEN, } *Auditors.*

FIFTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
EAST BRIDGEWATER,
FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1878,

Annual Meeting, March 4, 1878.

PLYMOUTH:
AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1878.

TOWN OFFICERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, 1877.

TOWN CLERK.

FRANK SMITH.

TREASURER.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

COLLECTOR.

E. S. WHITMARSH.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

E. S. WHITMARSH, JOSHUA DEAN, EZRA KINGMAN.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FREDERIC S. STRONG,	L. W. RICHARDS, Terms expire,	1880.
M. P. McLAUTHLIN,	C. A. CHANDLER, “	1879.
BAALIS SANFORD,	“	1878.

AUDITORS.

CHARLES H. EDSON GEORGE ALLEN.

CONSTABLES.

WILLIAM M. JUDKINS, SIDNEY PACKARD,

JOHN H. SCRIBNER, LUCIUS D. BURBECK.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR.

SAMUEL KEITH.

POUND KEEPER.

WARREN BROWN.

FENCE VIEWERS.

SAMUEL KEITH, GEORGE ALLEN.

FIELD DRIVERS.

WILLIAM G. FIELD, PATRICK QUIGLEY,

WARREN BROWN, ANDREW JACKSON

MEASURERS OF WOOD.

HARLOW HARDIN. JOHN E. WATERMAN, W. K. CHURCHILL.

C. H. EDSON, ELDRIDGE G. LYON.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.

JOHN E. WATERMAN, C. H. EDSON.

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER.

FREDERIC S. STRONG.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. GROW.

SEXTON.

SIDNEY PACKARD.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.



TO THE VOTERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER :

At the last annual Town Meeting you instructed the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners for a modification of their order in relation to the widening of Satucket Bridge. Soon after said meeting, we petitioned the Commissioners in accordance with your instructions, and the result was a material modification of their original order. They proposed to us to widen the bridge eight feet, and to pay the town five hundred dollars in aid of the work. Preparations were immediately made to do the work, but, when nearly ready to draw the pond, E. Craver Cotton Gin Company made a claim for damages for drawing the water ; thereupon the Selectmen voted not to build the bridge, and communicated the vote to the Commissioners, and they replied that, if we would complete the work the present year, they would pay the Town seven hundred dollars in aid of the same.

The work has been completed, and has been accepted by the Commissioners. The cost to the Town has been four hundred and fifty-eight dollars and six cents.

At the annual meeting, March 12, 1877, the Town voted "that the Treasurer be instructed to borrow, if necessary, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars to carry on the Staples lawsuit." This case, it will be recollected, has been tried three times with the varying fortunes of trial by jury. It was first tried at the June term of the Superior Court for 1876, resulting in a verdict for the plaintiff, with damages in the sum of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars. The result of the second trial, which took place in June, 1877, was a disagreement by the jury, they standing eight for the defendants to four for the plaintiff. The last trial resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff, with five hundred dollars damages. The jury in this trial were out sixteen hours. When they retired they stood eight for the plaintiff to four for the defendants, and so remained for fifteen hours. They then compromised, as the verdict unmistakably proves.

No proposition for settlement has ever been made by the plaintiff or his counsel, except at the last June term of Court, and, after the jury had retired to deliberate upon their verdict, counsel for the plaintiff proposed to settle for two thousand dollars damages. Your Selectmen unanimously refused to pay the sum asked for. The plaintiff will probably take judgment at the present term of Court. Thus ends a contest which results in a barren victory for the plaintiff. It has been a costly one for him, if our costs are any criterion. We have paid counsel more than eighteen hundred dollars, and he gets a verdict of five hundred dollars with which to pay his.

The above is a brief history of this vexatious and expensive lawsuit. We hope this will end this town's experience in causes of this kind. We think towns should, if they are liable, pay for all injuries sustained by any person by reason of defective ways as soon as the injuries to such person can be ascertained and a reasonable adjustment made. Towns should not compel an honest man (when the town is liable, and only a just compensation is asked for) to pay more for a verdict than he receives. But if some adventurer shall hereafter make a claim for damages to which he is not entitled, we hope the Town will contend and prove to him, as has been proved to this plaintiff, that lawsuits are very unremunerative.

Make them by any act of the defendants remunerative to the plaintiff, and then these causes will continue to flourish in unabated exuberance until juries can discriminate between fiction and fact. When towns are so anxious to avoid the law that they pay claims which are unjust, or pay them because they believe that to contend will cost more money in the end, they thereby encourage and promote rather than discourage them. And if towns count the mere cost, they will pay any claim which may be made which is less than the probable cost of trial.

On the third day of April last, Williams Latham, Esq., of Bridgewater, deposited five hundred dollars in the East Bridgewater Savings Bank to be held in trust, the income thereof to be paid to the Town of East Bridgewater for the following purposes, to wit: "First, in setting out, resetting, maintaining, preserving and improving shade trees between the house of Eliab Latham and the house of Asa Millet. Second, in erecting and maintaining drinking fountains and two watering places in said street, or such other drinking fountains and watering places as may be desirable in said street and within

said termini." Mr. Latham has always taken a lively interest in the welfare of his native town. He has hitherto expended a considerable sum of money in beautifying and improving Plymouth street, and he now gives this further sum to forever preserve that which he planted. May he be enabled for many years to come to witness the fidelity and faithfulness of this Town in the performance of the above trust.

Guide boards have been maintained at the same locations as at the last annual report, and are in fair condition.

We desire to call your attention to the appropriations necessary for the year 1878. The deficiency of this year of two thousand dollars must be assessed next year, and if you raise the sums which were raised in 1877, your taxes will be much higher than they were the present year.

We think the following sums will be sufficient for the year 1878:—

For Schools.....	\$4,750 00
School incidentals.....	300 00
School repairs.....	250 00
Roads.....	2,000 00
Town Officers.....	1,000 00
Town incidentals.....	600 00

\$8,900 00

State tax estimated as last year..... \$1,155 00

County tax estimated as last year..... 1,524 00

To be assesed on account of deficiency and judgment in lawsuit.

If this amount only is raised, your taxes will be no higher than for 1877.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Indebtedness of the Town	\$2,000 00
Judgment against the town. ....	.....

ASSETS.

Due from Commonwealth for State aid.....	\$997 00
Bills in hands of Superintendent of Almshouse.....	82 58
Uncollected tax	23 40
Cash in Treasury.....	51 79
	<hr/> \$1,154 77

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEBRUARY 1ST, 1877, TO FEBRUARY 1ST, 1878.

Eunice S. Bryant. . . .	\$48 00	<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	\$520 00
Harriet Eddy	48 00	Charles L. Jones	72 00
Sarah B. Gould	48 00	Sophronia Carter	48 00
Betsey A. Hale	48 00	Harriet S. Packard	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter . . .	48 00	Lucy S. White	48 00
William Reardon	16 00	Mary Hudson	48 00
Mary S. Ripley	48 00	Sarah C. Hudson	48 00
Lydia A. Sylvester	48 00	E. W. Nutier	57 00
Thankful O. Trow	48 00	Lydia A. Hale	36 00
Rachel B. Underwood . . .	48 00		
Eldridge Winsor	72 00		
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> . .	\$520 00		\$925 00

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The following persons have been paid for labor and materials, as follows:—

Samuel Keith	\$227 62	<i>Amount brought forward .</i>	<i>\$1,265 53</i>
Benj. H. Fisher	25 88	E. F. Getchell	6 38
Daniel Gearey	130 59	Elbridge G. Lyon	38 50
William Desmond	16 87	Cyrus Munroe	11 00
Robert McNeeland	40 00	Nath'l K. Richardson	5 62
Enoch Freeman	9 08	John Chadwick	1 25
Nathaniel Perkins	3 56	Jotham Hicks	3 00
Patrick Quigley	123 82	Benj. H. Washburn	9 44
J. H. Rollins	10 88	William S. Washburn	9 88
David Roach	78 97	John Lane	4 00
Edmund Bird	3 00	E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr	1 25
Henry Gurney	130 34	Bath'l Donnelly	1 35
William F. Keene	38 13	Rufus Adams	3 13
David W. Gurney	40 08	E. P. Keith	3 30
Frank Bourne	1 00	George L. French	57 20
Martin Sumner	1 20	Zenas Sturtevant	6 40
Thomas Murray	4 37	Warren Brown, Supt	317 24
William Green	22 00	Isadus Fuller	18 75
Mors & Whyte	28 00	James B. Hudson	6 15
William Bottomore	6 50	Samuel D. Shaw	13 29
Alfred Bottomore	4 00	East Bridgewater Iron Co	73 71
B. F. Sheffield	2 00	Simeon W. Richmond	3 00
H. L. Alden	3 00	Jarvis Burrell	3 50
Gammons & Nutter	16 90	Waldo Hayward	52 29
Nath'l Southworth	11 70	Solomon Millett	2 50
Mark P. Hudson	106 01	Old Colony Railroad	5 17
Levi W. Noyes	30 97	Eliab Latham	109 92
Eliphalet S. Davenport	13 05	E. P. Reed & Co	74 00
James B. Hudson	10 32	Carver Cotton Gin Co	2 72
John Donnelly	4 05	Merritt Jenkins	1 25
David Pratt	4 50	David Tower	7 56
William Ramsdell	7 00	Stephen Harlow	23 47
Willis Harden	5 25	Jeremiah Dunn	1 50
Benj. F. Bisbee	11 87	Michael Feeney	9 06
Joseph Ramsdell	40 88	James S. McLane	43 99
Geo. L. Chamberlain	28 60	Galen Willis	10 00
Sidney S. Kingman	1 00	Francis A. Nash	24 80
Edmund Ford	22 54	James Brown	56 98

Amount carried forward . \$1,265 53

Amount carried forward, . \$2,288 08

<i>Amount brought forward,.</i>	<i>\$2,288 08</i>	<i>Amount brought forward .</i>	<i>\$2,890 62</i>
Isaac Lincoln	7 50	Freedom Keith	3 36
C. H. Baldwin	12 00	Eliab Whitman	10 75
F. B. Chamberlin	10 37	Allen Washburn	3 00
Caleb Goss	40 65	Mercena A. Whitman	9 00
Charles H. Goss	4 50	Joseph Ham	5 20
W. L. Benson	11 12	Hayward Bros	10 25
Francis Hayward	50 50	Robert Wade	2 50
Fisk & Coleman	17 50	Dennis Dreslan	1 00
Thomas Hewitt	20 20	David S. Gurney	7 05
Theodore Freeman	1 25	William Reed.	3 00
Joseph Veary	8 25	Jeremiah D. Thurlow	5 00
Aaron Hobart	2 50	Theodore Hobart	3 25
Galen Latham	29 00	Asa Millet	2 19
Lewis P. Raymond	1 50	William S. Sampson	1 50
Oscar Lingren	4 50	Mrs. J. A. Rogers	2 00
Nahum Ramsdell	3 62	William V. West	2 50
William Desmond	11 00	Cephas A. Porter	9 00
John Cook	49 00	Charles H. Brown	4 60
Frank S. Sturtevant	4 62	Samuel A. Orr	15 79
Edward H. Kingman	6 37	Simeon C. Keith	9 05
William Keene,	87 69	Melvin L. Webber	5 00
William E. Whitman	41 50	L. E. Hayward	2 00
Orace Washburn	2 88	Cornelius C. Hooper	13 75
George W. Harden	171 15	Ezekiel Ames	14 89
William E. Shaw	3 37	Josiah E. Noyes	7 00
		Harrison White	1 00
<i>Amount carried forward .</i>	<i>\$2,890 62</i>		

Total expenditures.....	\$3,044 25
The Town has on hand tools which cost.....	\$46 25

NEW ROAD FROM UNION TO WEST STREET.

John Buckley	\$18 12	<i>Amount brought forward,.</i>	<i>\$216 11</i>
Ichabod N. Fager	25 86	James O'Connell	2 50
Sears R. Frost	29 50	Phillip Clemment	25 00
Patrick Dreslan	20 50	Charles Blanger	27 06
Whittemore Bros.	5 50	East Bridgewater Iron Co .	6 25
Melvin L. Webber	30 00	Aaron Hobart	8 00
David Roach	32 50	Ames Plow Co	6 00
Eliab Latham	7 00	David Tower	1 87
Elbridge G. Lyon	19 00	E. S. Whitmarsh	25 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr	28 13		
			<i>\$318 54</i>
<i>Amount carried forward, .</i>	<i>\$216 11</i>		

WIDENING SATUCKET BRIDGE.

Patrick Birmingham	\$6 88	<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	\$635 83
Solomon Millett	3 00	David Tower	24 94
William Keen	2 75	Patrick Norris	20 12
Patrick Quigley	40 01	George L. French	19 94
Daniel Geary	28 88	Arthur Harris	15 00
George L. Chamberlain . . .	83 50	J. D. H. Chaplin	2 50
Nathan W. Chamberlain . .	55 97	Charles W. Siddall	1 71
Dodge, Gilbert & Co	2 50	Isadus Fuller	2 00
T. P. Barnes & Son	4 65	Albion K. Benson	17 06
M. J. Hearn	5 00	B. F. Sheffield	60
Joseph Nickerson & Co . . .	2 17	Nath'l Southworth	1 00
Enoch Freeman	44 94	James O'Connell	2 50
Carver Cotton Gin Co	40 31	David Roach	8 00
Eliab Latham	98 30	Gammons & Nutter	1 50
Galen Latham	29 62	Bathshua Keith	15 00
Wilbar Cox	12 44	Old Colony Railroad	23 79
East Bridgewater Iron Co .	74 02	E. P. Reed & Co	14 59
Simeon C. Keith	6 50	John Q. A. Wild	40 00
Warren Brown, Supt.	71 37	George Talbot	6 00
William Green	23 02	Samuel Keith	85 98
	—	E. S. Whitmarsh	20 00
<i>Amount carried forward.</i>	\$635 83	Carver Cotton Gin Co	200 00

\$1,158 06

Received from the County \$700 00

Net cost \$458 06

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid—

Abatement of taxes.	\$34 11
Avery & Doten, printing reports for 1877.	104 60
Books, stationery and postage stamps.	23 43
Jarvis Burrell, printing	22 30
Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Co., insurance.	20 50
For guide boards.	14 16
Samuel Keith and Wm. H. Osborne, stocking Robbins Pond with salmon.	16 95
Charles H. Goss, paid for enforcing liquor law 1877..	11 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, railroad fares.	16 10
I. N. Nutter, railroad fares and stationery.	7 35
George L. French, digging grave.	1 00
John Reed and two others, attendance at Probate Court.	10 70
Minot S. Curtis, painting and repairing hearse.	16 50
E. P. Reed & Co., lumber for Town Hall fence.	33 33
John E. Davenport, painting Town Hall fence.	38 03
Lucius Bonney, building Town Hall fence.	23 40
Michael Feeney, labor on Town Hall fence.	8 25
Freight on lumber and nails for Town Hall fence.	3 77
Thirteen persons for shovelling snow	45 85
Decoration of soldiers' graves.	100 00
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	\$551 33

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid—

Charles H. Edson, Auditor	\$7 50
George Allen, Auditor	7 50
C. A. Chandler, School Committee for 1876.	27 50
Frank Smith, Town Clerk	55 58
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector	125 63
I. N. Nutter, Treasurer	75 00
Balis Sanford, School Committee	94 55
Martin P. McLauthlin, School Committee	102 75
Asa Millet, School Committee	25 00
C. A. Chandler, School Committee	36 25
L. W. Richards, School Committee	15 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor	274 00
Joshua Dean, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor	32 40
Ezra Kingman, Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of Poor	90 00
William M. Judkins, Constable	31 45
George M. Keith, Moderator	3 00
Eliab Latham, Selectman to March 12.	15 20
Charles H. Goss, Selectman to March 12.	5 00
Sidney Packard, Sexton	50 25
Loring Holbrook, Sexton	11 50
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	\$1,085 06

JASPER N. STAPLES VS. THE TOWN.

Paid—

George O. Shattuck, counsel.....	\$1,134 85
William H. Osborne, counsel.....	357 00
John Waterman, horse hire, February term.....	12 50
Twenty-seven witnesses for February term.....	101 75
Thirty-three witnesses for June term.....	222 00
Charles H. Paine, witness and surveying, June term.....	38 00
John Smith, June term.....	29 00
William M. Judkins, June term.....	1 00
For telegrams, June term.....	1 45
Selectmen for expenses, June term.....	24 50
For copy of records, June term.....	2 75
For jury travel, visiting locality, June term.....	20 05
Twenty-two witnesses for October term.....	106 50
Charles H. Paine, witness and surveying, October term.....	18 50
Selectmen for expenses, October term.....	15 50
For jury travel, visiting locality, October term.....	19 35
A. C. Chandler for horse hire, October term.....	5 00
Alger & Co., express.....	65
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	\$2,110 35

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For repairs of highways.....	\$3,044 25
Incidentals, Town Hall fence, shoveling snow, and decoration of soldiers' graves.....	551 33
Town officers.....	1,085 06
Almshouse use.....	921 54
Aid to poor persons out of Almshouse.....	954 67
State aid.....	925 00
Expenses of lawsuit.....	2,110 35
Widening Satucket Bridge.....	1,158 16
New road from Union to West street.....	318 54
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	\$11,068 80

VALUATION FOR 1877.

Real estate.....	\$946,100 00
Personal estate.....	281,270 00
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Total.....	\$1,227,370 00
Number of polls.....	736
Rate of taxation.....	.0117
State tax.....	\$1,155 00
County tax.....	1,524 42
Town tax.....	12,484 34
Added for convenience.....	668 46 ⁹ / ₁₀
Gained by fractions.....	12 ¹ / ₁₀
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Committed.....	\$15,832 35
Subsequently assessed....	11 70
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Total commitment.....	\$15,844 05

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1877.

For schools.....	\$5,000 00
Repairs of school property.....	750 00
School incidentals....	450 00
Roads and bridges.....	3,000 00
Payment of town officers.....	1,000 00
Incidental expenses	600 00
Decorating soldiers' graves.....	100 00
Guide boards	50 00
Seats for Town Hall.....	50 00
Deficiency last year.....	1,484 34
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	\$12,484 34

E. S. WHITMARSH, }
 JOSHUA DEAN, } *Assessors.*
 EZRA KINGMAN, }

TOWN MEETING.

Copy of Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Meeting, to be held MARCH 4th, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M. :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the reports of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges.

ARTICLE 5. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the Collection of Taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the Collection of Taxes, which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to build a barn on the Town farm.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will authorize the Overseers of the Poor to recover the amount of aid rendered Hannah Dunn.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 11. To act on a list of Jurors, as reported by the Selectmen.

LIST OF JURORS.

We submit for your consideration the following list of persons to serve as Jurors :

George W. Allen,
Charles H. Brown,
Edwin Brown,
Wellington Caldwell,
Warren K. Churchill,
Luther Churchill, Jr.
Daniel Edson,
Charles H. Goss,
Caleb Goss,
Henry Gurney,
Samuel Gurney,
Abbot T. Hewitt,
Francis Hayward,
John Hobart,
Luther Harden,
Reuben Harden,
Newton M. Keen,
Zebina Keith, Jr.,

Simeon C. Keith,
Eliab Latham,
Edmund W. Nutter,
Levi W. Noyes,
Martin P. McLauthlin,
Addison Pratt,
David Pratt,
Oliver Pratt,
Clark Swallow,
Samuel Shaw,
Calvin Wade,
Benjamin White,
Eleazer Whitman,
Frederic P. Whitmarsh,
George A. Wright,
Noah A. Washburn,
William E. Whitman,
William Vinton.

E. S. WHITMARSH, }
JOSHUA DEAN, }
EZRA KINGMAN, }

*Selectmen of
East
Bridgewater.*

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE.

DR.

To inventory Feb. 1, 1877.....	\$1,122 86
Superintendent's salary.....	300 00
Dr. Orr, medical attendance.....	25 00
Cash from Treasury.....	596 54
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	\$2,044 40

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By inventory Feb. 1, 1878.....	\$1,182 00
Cost of supporting poor at Almsl.ouse ...	862 40
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	\$2,044 40

Whole number of inmates during the year.... 9

Average number, very nearly..... 7 $\frac{1}{10}$

Cost per week for support, \$2.24.

Present inmates—

Calvin Eaton.....	78 years of age
Lysander Bourne	69 years of age
Ard Edson.....	85 years of age
George H. Savory.....	60 years of age
Amos Mellen.....	79 years of age
Adeline H. Keene.....	55 years of age

Catherine White and George G. Cross died during the year,
and William E. White was discharged.

Whole number of tramps for the year..... 104

For the months of November, December and January last. 24

Upon an examination of the appraisement of personal property at the town farm for years past, we are of the opinion that it has been too high, and have accordingly reduced it. This action in no way affects the cost of supporting the poor.

AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMS- HOUSE.

Paid—

State Lunatic Hospital for board of Nathaniel S.	
Bouldry	\$187 45
State Lunatic Hospital for board of Hannah Dunn....	187 23
State Lunatic Hospital for board of Samuel B. Lang..	75 45
State Lunatic Hospital for board of Susan G. Hill ...	53 40
For Joseph M. Whitman and family.....	39 78
Benjamin H. Fisher and family.....	16 30
Lucina Mitchell.....	52 00
Sybil P. Dunbar	52 00
Simeon Sharp.....	30 00
Town of Duxbury for aid to Mrs. Calvin A. Wade....	35 00
City of Boston for aid to Peter Foley and family.....	11 64
City of Lowell for aid to Mrs. Jas. Quinn and family..	36 00
City of Lynn for aid to Mrs. Jas. Conners and family.	121 50
Town of Brockton for aid to John L. Coulter's family.	9 00
Mrs. John Fitzpatrick and family, (belong to Kingston)	24 92
James O'Brien, (belong to Somerset).....	14 00
Ella E. Cole, (belong to Middleboro)....	4 00
For burial of State pauper.....	5 00
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	\$954 67

Received from other towns..... \$43 92

Due from other towns..... 14 50

E. S. WHITMARSH, } Overseers
JOSHUA DEAN, } of
EZRA KINGMAN, } the Poor.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR.

Tax committed for collection, Sept 1.....	\$15,832 35
Tax subsequently committed.....	11 70
Interest collected.....	107 30
	<hr/> \$15,951 35
Cash paid Treasurer.....	15,927 95
	<hr/> \$23 40

I have received the following abatements, viz :

Benjamin F. Sheffield, residence unknown.....	\$4 11
Rufus A. Littlefield, Jr., residence unknown.....	2 00
George Germain, residence unknown.....	2 00
Michael Callan, residence unknown	2 00
Henry Adams, residence unknown.....	2 00
Simeon Kingham, residence unknown.....	2 00
George Jenkins, in town.....	2 00
William U. Brett, in town	2 00
Patrick Keiff, in town.....	2 00
Luther W. Phillips, out of town	2 00
Frank L. Sturtevant, in town.	2 00
Nathaniel Southworth, in town.....	2 00
Asa W. Whitman, in town.....	2 00
Lucius Harden, in town.....	2 00
Richard S. Higgins, in town.....	2 00
John P. Reed, Jr., not taxable	2 00
	<hr/> \$34 11

You will notice that I have not completed the collection of taxes for the present year. It is true, I have for the past ten years prior to this completed the collection, and paid the money to the Treasurer, and, as the collection for this year is an exception to the rule, you will expect an explanation, and I cheerfully give it. The twenty-three dollars and forty cents remaining uncollected is the balance of a tax. It is the tax upon two thousand dollars income which the taxpayer has paid for the last seven years without objection. His tax (with the exception of twenty-three dollars and forty cents) has been paid the present year by an agent, who says the taxpayer has no domicile, and never had in this Town, and further says he has no property in his own right which I can distrain, and as the taxpayer is absent from the Commonwealth, I therefore have no power to compel payment. But I promise you that when he returns to this State, I shall endeavor to collect it.

E. S. WHITMARSH, *Collector.*

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

1877.

Received of—

Mar. 13.	E. W. Nutter, lecture.....	\$5 00
13 & 16.	Edwards Dramatic Co.....	24 00
Mar. 20.	Unitarian Society.....	8 00
April 2.	Harry Cole, dance.....	10 00
12.	E. B. Musical Society, concert.....	5 00
May 3.	Unitarian Society.....	5 00
5.	Comical Brown.....	10 00
15.	Harry Cole, dance... ..	10 00
24.	Calender's Minstrels.	12 00
June 11.	E. B. Musical Society, concert ...	5 00
July 1.	A. G. Blackman, (Sunday) lecture..	3 00
8.	“ “ “ ..	3 00
15.	“ “ “ ..	3 00
22.	“ “ “ ..	3 00
31.	Ladies' Sewing Society.....	13 00
Aug. 29.	B. W. Harris, Lower Hall.....	3 00
Sept. 4.	“ “ “ ..	3 00
7.	Young Ladies, dance	10 00
18.	B. W. Harris, Lower Hall.....	3 00

Amount carried forward,..... \$138 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i> ,.....		\$138 00
Received of—		
Oct.	3. Unitarian Society	8 00
	4. “ “ Lower Hall.....	3 00
	4. Spaulding's Bell Ringers... ..	12 00
9 & 10.	Cushman Dramatic Association, re- hearsals.....	5 00
12 & 13.	Cushman Dramatic Association, en- tertainments	10 00
	20. Buckley's Varieties	12 00
	22. E. B. Musical Society, lecture	5 00
	31. “ “ concert	5 00
Nov.	7. “ “ lecture.....	5 00
	14. Flora Myers' Theatre.....	10 00
	15. Dickens Party.....	13 00
	19. E. B. Musical Society, lecture.....	5 00
	21. G. W. Ballou, lecture.....	5 00
Dec.	5. E. B. Musical Society.....	2 00
	19. Professor Harrington.....	12 00
	24. Unitarian Society	5 00
	26. T. Dorey, dance.....	12 00
	27. E. B. Musical Society, lecture.....	5 00
1878.		
Jan.	1. Unitarian Society.....	5 00
	10. E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., dance.....	10 00
	13. Good Samaritans.....	2 50
	16. Arthur Chaplin, dance.....	10 00
	16. C. Wentworth, Lower Hall.....	3 00
	23. E. B. Musical Society, concert.....	5 00
	30. Unitarian Society.....	5 00
Feb.	1. E. B. Musical Society for rehearsals	31 50
		————— \$344 00

Total amount of receipts.....	\$344 00
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Paid—

Mrs. Barret, cleaning.....	\$2 70
John Hobart, coal.....	16 70
G. W. Harden, wood.....	5 25
Thomas Cummings, labor	2 45
Mrs. Maguire, cleaning	10 05
For two keys.....	50
F. E. Wentworth, numbering chairs	2 00
George A. Wheeler.....	2 00
Gammons & Nutter, oil, chimneys, &c., &c ...	36 68
Elijah Hinkley, services as janitor.....	84 86
	<hr/> \$163 19
	<hr/> \$180 81

Paid Town Treasurer, \$180.81.

FRANK SMITH, *Agent*.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer,*

In Account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER:

DR.

Cash of—

E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, on tax of 1876	\$13 10
State Treasurer, National Bank tax, 1876	15 24
State Treasurer, State aid	8 00
Amanda Peasley, Administratrix, for release of real estate sold for non-payment of taxes	10 00
Samuel Shaw for real estate taxed to P. W. Reed, sold for non-payment of taxes	24 50
Town of West Bridgewater for tuition of scholars in Beaver school	109 68
County Treasurer, amount paid by County towards cost of widening bridge over Satucket River...	700 00
State Treasurer, Corporation tax	781 00
State Treasurer, National Bank tax	718 66
State Treasurer, State aid	896 00

Amount carried forward,..... \$3,276 18

Amount brought forward, \$3,276 18

Cash of—

Town of Kingston, aid to family of Jas. Fitzpatrick.	24 92
E. S. Whitmarsh, net earnings of Town Hall to March 12, 1877.....	33 50
E. S. Whitmarsh, rent of Bouldry place for year ending Feb. 1, 1878.....	24 50
County Treasurer, dividend under "Act concerning Dogs"	194 08
State Treasurer, income of Massachusetts School Fund	200 61
Ezra Kingman, guardian.....	341 25
Frank Smith, agent of Town Hall.....	180 81
Town of Somerset, aid to James O'Brien.....	14 00
Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Co., dividend on two policies.....	22 50
State Treasurer, burial of paupers.....	5 00
School Committee, for boards, etc., sold.....	13 42
E. S. Whitmarsh, for Town order cancelled.....	3 00
Borrowed on Town notes.....	13,000 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector.....	15,927 95
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	\$33,261 72

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By paid—

East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note.....	\$1,184 34
Dr. S. A. Orr, note.....	300 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, for deed of property sold for non-payment of taxes.....	23 90
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<i>Amount carried forward</i> ,	\$1,508 24

Amount brought forward,..... \$1,508 24

Cash of—

State Treasurer, Corporation tax, claimed by other towns	20 82
County tax for 1877.....	1,524 42
State annual tax, 1877.....	1,155 00
State Treasurer, National Bank tax.....	7 32
Notes given for money borrowed.....	11,000 00
Interest on notes ...	203 92
Taxes for 1877, on real estate held by Town, sold for non-payment of taxes of previous years....	22 69
Orders drawn by Selectmen.....	11,068 80
Orders drawn by School Committee.....	6,698 63
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	\$33,209 93
Cash on hand	51 79
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	\$33,261 72

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer*.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 14, 1878.

AUDITORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1878.

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen, School Committee, the Assessors, Treasurer, and Collector, and report as follows :

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer	\$11,068 80
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer	11,068 80

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer	\$6,698 63
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer	6,698 63

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year	\$33,261 72
Amount paid out during the year	33,209 93

Balance on hand	\$51 79
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COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection	\$15,844 05
Amount of interest collected :	107 30
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Total	\$15,951 35
Amount paid to Treasurer	15,927 95
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Balance uncollected	\$23 40

The Collector has exhibited to us the Treasurer's receipt for the above amount.

We report that the assessment of taxes has been correctly made.

We deem it our duty to compliment the various officers whose accounts we have audited, for the very careful and accurate manner in which they have kept the same.

CHARLES H. EDSON, } *Auditors.*
 GEORGE ALLEN, }

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Twenty-three marriages have been recorded during the year 1877 :

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride.	Residence, &c.
1877.		
Jan. 13.	Charles W. Hunt, of Abington, and Jeanette V. Washburn, of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Jan. 17.	George W. Jackson and Edith A. Holmes, both of Halifax.	By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
Jan. 28.	Chandler A. Hodgdon, of Hanson, and Sophia Raymond, of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
Feb. 10.	Calvin Arthur Wade, of East Bridgewater, and Edna Fairbanks, of Duxbury.	By Rev. W. W. Lyle.
Feb. 11.	Fred Leslie Brown and Laura A. Cox, both of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
Feb. 14.	Frederick Benson and Hattie Adams Leach, both of South Abington.	By Rev. G. W. Ballou.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride.	Residence, Etc.
Mar. 3.	John Burgess and Emma J. Keen, both of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
Mar. 17.	Charles Nathan Hudson and Mary Eliza Lovell, both of Brockton.	By Rev. T. O. Paine.
April 10.	John Nelson Jones, of North Easton, and Harriet Augusta Cobb, of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. D. W. Richardson.
April 26.	William A. Rust, of East Bridgewater, and Nancy Elwell Davison, of Boston.	By Rev. Henry W. Foote.
April 28.	William A. Green and Carrie F. Bailey, both of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
May 9.	William T. Carter, Jr., of Boston, and Jennie M. Tisdale, of East Bridgewater.	By Thomas G. Carver.
May 13.	Walder R. Coots, of Brockton, and Margaret A. Sturtevant, of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
May 27.	Cornelius L. Vosmos and Susan A. Sturtevant, both of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
June 6.	Frank N. Churchill, of West Bridgewater, and Florence W. Harris, of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
July 7.	Charles L. Atwood and Ellen I. Sturtevant, both of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
July 11.	George Allen and Charlotte C. Bailey, both of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. B. R. Gifford.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride.	Residence, Etc.
July 17.	Albert B. Watson and Agnes I. Luzarder,	both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Sept. 5.	William D. Cook, of South Abington, and Cora L. Standish, of East Bridgewater.	By Rev. H. D. Walker.
Oct. 14.	William F. Sturtevant and Mary E. Whiting,	both of Brockton. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.
Nov. 11.	Myron O. Snell and Rose L. Goodridge,	both of Brockton. By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
Dec. 17.	Oliver Morton Sharp and Irene F. Wade,	both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. B. Reed.
1876.		
Dec. 30.	Leonard Selee, of East Bridgewater, and Frances Maria Cox, of Brunswick, Maine.	By Rev. L. B. Bates.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

*BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1877.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1877.		
Jan'y	4, Sarah Pratt Harden,	Albert and Elizabeth F.
	14, Frederic Clifford Edson,	Seth B. and Elizabeth L.
	16, Mary Bennett,	Eleazer C. and Abbie F.
	22, Charles McGlathry,	William A. and Ellen L.
Feb'y	12, Jane Neville,	Andrew and Elizabeth.
March	21, Margaret Hennessy,	Michael and Catharine.
	23, Eltie Frost,	Sears R. and Persis M.
	25, Frederic Austin Latham,	E. Austin and Lucy A.
April	1, Grace Rogers Allen,	Henry and Arlotha M.
	4, Wallace Waters Jones,	Andrew J. and Harriet I.
	18, Julia Augusta Osborne,	Henry A. and Emily J.
	21, Jennie Marion Bates,	George E. and Grace E.
	25, John Buckley,	John and Eliza.
May	21, Nathan Merton Newhall,	Frank W. and Mary A.
June	9, Alson Sumner Knapp,	James G. and Eliza W.
	11, Horace Tilden Smith,	Frank and Alice G.
	12, ——— Davenport,	George S. and Mary I.
	21, Anna Louise Whitmarsh,	Fred. P. and Louise.
	24, Charles Elmer Beals,	Charles R. and Mary E.
	25, John Joseph Campbell,	Edmund and Alice.
	27, Maud Clifton Nutter,	Frederic C. and Ina L.
	July 2, Jesse Woodbury Nute,	Clarence W. and Evelyn C.
Aug.	4, Harry Arvin Hunting,	Amos and Margaret O.
	8, Justin Henry Kingman,	Justin S. and Angie W.
	10, Lesango Lesarge,	John E. and Olin B.
	12, Mary Alice Timmons,	James and Catharine A.
	18, Ella Agnes Murphy,	William and Eliza.
	20, Alice Burns,	David and Bridget.
	Sept. 1, Lester Everett Veaney,	John D. and Irene F.
	2, Charles Boden,	Charles and Martha A.
	7, Marion Weeks Delano,	Charles and Carrie E.

Bridgewater Bits.

The installation of Rev. W. Walcott Fay as pastor of the Central Square Church, Bridgewater, took place on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

The following named clergymen participated in the exercises: The council was organized with Rev. F. A. Warfield of Brockton as moderator, and Rev. P. M. Griffin of East Bridgewater as scribe. The examination of the candidate was deemed satisfactory at the morning session, and in the afternoon the council proceeded with the installation with the following order: Invocation, Rev. E. O. Dyer of South Braintree; reading of the scripture, Rev. C. W. Wood of Scotland; anthem, by the choir; sermon by Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D. D. of Cambridge; installing prayer, Rev. J. T. Alades of Campello; singing; right hand of fellowship, by Rev. J. C. Labaree of Randolph; charge to the pastor, by Rev. S. P. Fay of Dorchester; address to the people, by Rev. O. S. Dean of Holbrook, followed by singing; concluding prayer, by Rev. P. M. Griffin of East Bridgewater; benediction by the pastor.

The services were specially interesting and the young pastor enters upon his new relations under very favorable auspices.

Officer King on Wednesday removed George W. Tuttle, an insane man, to the asylum at Taunton.

Campello Casuals.

Mr. George Steadn

the contractor so long as they are necessary for direction of the work. The prices bid must include all needful materials, excavations, shoring the ground, fencing, lighting and watching, providing necessary passage for travel, keeping the trenches from water, laying the pipes and brickwork with the proper curves, junctions, etc., filling in and ramming the earth, restoring and making good the surface in conformity with the conditions of these specifications.

All brick used shall be good, sound, well-burnt stock of uniform shape and size. The pipes shall be of the best salt glazed socket pipe. They shall be sound and well burnt, of smooth interior and surface, free from cracks, flaws and other imperfections, circular in the bore, of true form in the length and of the specified diameter. The pipes used shall be in three feet lengths.

If any materials are brought to the ground which the engineer may deem to be of inferior quality or improper to be used in the work; or, if, at any time it shall appear that the work is not being executed according to the contract, or in a sound and workmanlike manner, the engineer shall give written notice to the contractor to that effect, whereupon the contractor shall immediately remove such improper material or replace the improper work with that which shall be satisfactory; or on a failure to do so within three days of such notice the engineer shall have full power to replace the improper materials or work with that which shall be satisfactory, and the extra costs, or charges which may be incurred by the contractor.

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BIRTHS.—Continued.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1877.		
Oct. 2,	George Edmund Clarke,	Charles F. and Hattie F.
20,	Harry Gurney Sherman,	Arthur W. and Melansa W.
23,	Charles Blange,	Charles and Margaret.
Nov. 19,	Ella Florence Sturtevant,	Andrew P. and Ellen F.
19,	Hattie Augusta Vosmos,	Cornelius L. and Susan A.
22,	—— McLauthlin,	Martin P. and Elizabeth P.
23,	Florence Allerton Burgess,	John and Emma J.
28,	Christiana Marion Bourne,	John A. and Isabella.
31,	—— Dean,	Ruel and Mary E.
Dec. 2,	George Powers Geary,	Daniel and Mary.
4,	James Robert Quigley,	O'Brien and Julia A.
19,	John Mitchell Carey,	Mitchell and Hannah.
26,	—— Washburn,	Orace and Hannah.
30,	—— Beaton,	James W. and Laura A.
30,	—— Allen,	George W. and Mary.
1876.		
March 29,	Wallace Brown Edson,	Edward E. and Adeline F.
May 22,	Sarah McCarty,	John and Margaret.
Dec. 2,	Edward Bethel Meservey,	Jefferson B. and Hannah B.
1875.		
Feb'y 25,	John Owen Winn,	Frank and Katy.
Dec. 29,	Thomas Henry Quigley,	O'Brien and Julia A.
1874.		
Sept. 5,	George Wallace Bates,	George E. and Grace E.
1873.		
March 29,	Carrie Warren Boden,	Charles and Martha A.

Whole number of births in 1877 46

Males 26

Females 20

Of foreign parentage 12

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

*DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1877.*

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1877.					
Jan'y 3,	Silas Holbrook,	80	9	28	Kidney Disease.
Feb'y 5,	Charles P. Jordan,	67	3	16	Bright's Disease.
20,	Russell E. Hooper,	18	1	1	Accidental.
25,	Willard Keith,	75	8	16	General Debility.
Mar. 5,	Mary E. Jordan,	23	4	5	Congestion of Brain.
6,	Lizzie Germain,	32	8		Parturition.
11,	Catharine White,	37			Consumption.
12,	Jeremiah Peck,	76	3	24	General Prostration.
21,	Cyrus Holmes Thresher,	21	11	21	Diphtheria.
April 4,	Isaac Hatch,	78	9	14	Diabetes.
10,	Bridget McHugh,	20	3	28	Consumption.
17,	Molly Brown,	79	1	27	Paralysis
May 5,	Thomas Couroy,	22			Consumption.
20,	Helen J. Bouldry,	4	4	3	Croup.
June 4,	Mary Lizzie Humble,	15	6	24	
July 14,	Bertie B. Jefferson,	6	4	6	Diphtheria.
29,	Rhoda V. Keene,	69		13	Consumption.
Aug. 14,	Cordelia A. Keith,	38			Heart Disease.
15,	James R. Whitmarsh,	54	7		Paralysis.
Sept. 5,	Sarah Harris,	87	6	5	Dysentery.
19,	John W. Mitchell,	48			Consumption.
Oct. 4,	Simeon Sharp,	35	9	10	Consumption.
9,	Mary Brown,	80	1	9	Dropsy.
16,	Mary Orr Bryant,	85	8		Old Age.
20,	Delia Blange,	1	8		Heart Disease.
Nov. 7,	Marcus M. Willis,	39			Heart Disease.
9,	George G. Cross,	57			Insanity.
11,	John D. Mason,	68	8	16	Heart Disease.
11,	Fidelia A. Holmes,	50		16	Heart Disease.
16,	William Lyon,	55			Consumption.
Dec. 8,	Susan H. Moody,	68	2	24	Heart Disease.
15,	Phidelda Keith,	81	7	26	Dysentery.
20,	Lorina Bisbee,	79	4	8	Ulcerations.

Whole number of Deaths Registered 33

Males 16

Females 17

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES.



To the Voters and Tax payers of East Bridgewater :

Your Committee on Fisheries expended in May last, the sum of sixteen dollars and ninety-five cents in stocking Satucket River with land-locked salmon. Four thousand fry were obtained at the State Hatching house in Winchester, and put into Latham's Brook, that being considered the most advisable method of growing and protecting these young fish. This action was taken by the advice of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, and because of the well-known success of such experiments, and the superior quality and value of this species of fish.

In accordance with the Proclamation of the Governor, dated March 23, 1876, the towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater and Halifax will be permitted to take alewives on and after the first day of April next. The Fish Committees of these towns have held a convention, and agreed to recommend to their several towns that a common fishing place for all of said town be established at some point on Taunton River below the paper mills in Bridgewater, and that the expense of preparing the grounds and taking fish be apportioned among the several towns, and a bill has been presented to the Legislature to authorize such proposed action.

Your Committee earnestly recommend the town to adopt this plan of fishing, for several reasons. First, because the alewives make their appearance at the paper mill dam from ten days to two weeks before they are seen in our streams, and the earliest catch is by far the finest in quality. Secondly, because the expense of fishing will undoubtedly be much lessened by this means, and the average catch much greater, while the chances for contention between the towns, in regard to fishing, will be much less.

This matter will be more fully explained to you at the next annual Town Meeting, and if you approve of the plan suggested, you will be asked to make the necessary appropriation.

Your Committee have made no charges for services for the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. OSBORNE,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
SAMUEL KEITH,		
SIMEON C. KEITH,		

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 5, 1878.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE
Town of East Bridgewater,
FOR 1877-8.

PLYMOUTH:
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1878.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Committee hereby respectfully submit their Annual Report:

The population of the town of East Bridgewater, from the return of the State census taken A. D. 1875... ..	2,808
The number of children belonging in the town, between five and fifteen years of age, May 1, 1877... ..	438
Of this number, those between five and nine years... ..	191
Between nine and thirteen	168
Between thirteen and fifteen... ..	79

The members of the School Committee, in the seniority of their election, are Baalis Sanford, Asa Millet, Clarence A. Chandler, Martin P. McLauthlin, Frederic S. Strong and L. Watts Richards.

No change in membership has occurred, except from the late resignation of Dr. Millet, which vacancy remains unfilled.

At the annual organization of the Board, Baalis Sanford was re-chosen chairman ; Martin P. McLauthlin, secretary, and L. Watts Richards was elected treasurer.

The chairman and secretary, together with Messrs. Millet and Chandler, were chosen a sub-committee for the examination of teachers and the supervision of schools, their several circuits of visitation being assigned as follows :

The High, Elmwood, Eastville, North Primary, to Mr. Sanford.

The Intermediate, Beaver, West Primary, to Mr. McLauthlin.

The Northville, Curtisville, to Dr. Millett.

The Satucket, North Primary, to Mr. Chandler

Mr. Chandler succeeded to the supervision of Northville and Curtisville schools upon Dr. Millet's recent resignation of their charge.

The regular meetings of the Board occurred the first Tuesday of every month, at the High school building.

The selection and appointment of teachers, in the first instance, has been for one term, subject during such term to their election for the second year.

The several schools at the beginning of the school year, with the appointment of their teachers, were the following :

High School..	{	WYMAN C. FICKETT, <i>Principal</i> .
	{	Miss SARAH A. SMITH, <i>Assistant</i> .
Intermediate.	{	Miss ANNA L. SAVIL, <i>Principal</i> .
	{	Miss LUCIA A. MILLET, <i>Assistant</i> .
Beaver.....	{	WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, <i>Principal</i> .
	{	Mrs. MARY E. TAYLOR, <i>Assistant</i> .
Elmwood....	{	Miss AGNES I. LUZARDER, <i>Principal</i> .
	{	Miss GRACE T. SWALLOW, <i>Assistant</i> ,
Northville.....		Miss FANNIE M. GURNEY.
Eastville.....		Miss ELIZA RICHARDS.
Curtisville.....		Miss ELLEN M. BUTTOMER.
Satucket.....		Mrs. SUSAN B. DUNPHE.
North Primary.....		Miss ALICE C. NEWHALL.
East Primary.....		Miss HULDAH M. KINGMAN.
West Primary.....		Miss GEORGIANNA KEITH.

Miss Keith being early compelled, from failing health, to resign, Miss Lucy H. Keith succeeded her.

Miss Newhall's health failing, Miss Lura Whitmarsh substituted by appointment for her until her recovery.

Mr. Taylor's failing health compelling his resignation, Miss Ida M. Pratt concluded the Summer term, and was succeeded by Miss Mary F. Thompson, who taught the Autumn term. The latter popular teacher then resigning, Miss Hattie E. Mason, the present teacher, succeeded her.

Mrs. Taylor, at the resignation of Mr. Taylor, became the teacher of the Beaver Primary, but, resigning her position at the close of the Summer term, she was succeeded by Miss Frances I. Leach, who taught the Autumn term, when she was succeeded by Miss Clara M. Greenough, the present teacher.

Miss Luzarder having resigned at the close of the Summer term, a like change took place in the Elmwood Mixed School to that which had transpired in the Mixed School at Beaver upon Mr. Taylor's resignation, Miss Hattie A. Holbrook becoming the teacher of the Elmwood Grammar school, and Miss Grace T. Swallow of the Elmwood Primary. The organization of these two Mixed schools into separate grammar and primary departments has already wrought the wisdom of the change, as shown by their more direct instruction and greater efficiency of progress.

Miss Jenny E. Chandler, at the close of the Summer term, succeeded Miss Smith as assistant in the High school.

Miss Savil, having accepted in the early part of the Autumn term a more lucrative position in an adjoining State, was succeeded by Miss Martha H. Wiggin, the present teacher of the Central Grammar School.

Miss Richards, resigning at the close of the Autumn term, was succeeded by Miss Anna J. Howe, while the latter, teaching only a part of a term, Mr. Edmund W. Nutter became the teacher of the Eastville school.

Thus leaving the schools as at the present constituted with the following corps of teachers :

High School	{ WYMAN C. FICKETT, <i>Principal</i> . Miss JENNY E. CHANDLER, <i>Assistant</i> .
Central Grammar	{ Miss MARTHA H. WIGGIN, <i>Principal</i> . Miss LUCIA A. MILLET, <i>Assistant</i> .
Beaver Grammar	Miss HATTIE E. MASON.
Elmwood Grammar	Miss HATTIE A. HOLBROOK.
Northville	Miss FANNIE M. GURNEY.
Eastville	Mr. EDMUND W. NUTTER.
Curtisville	Miss ELLEN M. BUTTOMER.
Satucket	Mrs. SUSAN B. DUNPHE.
Beaver Primary	Miss CLARA M. GREENOUGH.
North Primary	Miss ALICE C. NEWHALL.
East Primary	Miss HULDAH M. KINGMAN.
Elmwood Primary	Miss GRACIE T. SWALLOW.
West Primary	Miss LUCY H. KEITH.

The High and the separate Primary schools, having in practice a regular and definite course of study, covering in each of their departments a period of four years, while the other schools appeared to be wanting in a course of study of definite period, a circular of inquiry issued to the teachers of the latter schools revealed in its return that the course of study pursued in the Grammar and Mixed schools occupied only three years, at the most, while in some of them only two classes existed in their higher departments, this irregularity of practice having probably obtained under the mixed system of all these schools, excepting the Intermediate alone.

The effect of this course had resulted in overcrowding the High school by the admission of scholars whose qualifications, wanting full grammar grade, precluded this school from the attainment of that progress and acquisition of scholarship for which it was established.

The High school, being imposed with the burden of carrying a year's course of study that pertained to the jurisdiction of the Grammar schools, the latter became deprived of the value and interest to which the province of their realm entitled them, and, consequently, sank to little more than intermediate grade, unwittingly relinquishing their distinctive grammar position.

Nor is this all. This fall of grammar grade virtually closed, or, at most, left only ajar, the door of grammar instruction to all except to those who were near or enjoyed ready facilities for reaching the High school, leaving only one school-room to the whole community, instead of several, at the same time despoiling that one of its best work.

Nor, indeed, is the High school a grammar school; and thus all our schools were deficient in genuine grammar instruction.

Again, some scholars, who had passed examination for admission to the High school, were compelled, owing to their distance from the latter, and wanting opportunities of conveyance, either to remain at home or to return to a school-room deserted through promotion of their class-fellows; while others, again, like situated, had neither

heart to attempt admission nor spirit to further attend the convenient but socially deserted school, and remained at home, while an exceptional few ever remained at the home school, allowing themselves whatever of opportunity it afforded.

The Committee, considering the interests of the schools, and regarding that our common school system, in the full import of its institution, enjoined the interest of the greatest number, and thus the united and best interest of all, deemed it essential that all the schools should possess a like period in their departmental course of instruction, and consequently determined that, while the High and the separate Primary schools enjoyed a 'four years' course, all the other schools should possess a like period, and therefore voted "That the grading of the schools be so modified that the Intermediate and the higher department of the Mixed schools shall constitute a grammar grade."

This action led to the organization of both the Beaver and the Elmwood Mixed schools into separate grammar and primary schools, and of the conversion of the Intermediate into the Central Grammar school.

Although a modification of the grade of the schools was determined a year since, the admissions to the High school occurred as usual at the commencement of the present school year, in order that the schools might gradually accommodate themselves to the requirements arising from the modified grade.

The admissions, if any, to the High school the ensuing school year will require qualifications corresponding to the change of grade already cited.

The purpose of the whole proceeding being to recall to the Grammar schools the studies inherently belonging to them, and of remitting the High school to its normal position—the pursuit of the higher branches of study.

Another step taken by the Committee was to change the time of the commencement of the school year by making the annual promotions and admissions to the higher schools to occur at the close of the Summer term, instead of at the close of the Winter term, as hitherto—a change desirable in many respects, and by which the long vacation will follow the close of the graduating term.

A course of study for the Grammar and Mixed schools has also been adopted, the full introduction of which will necessarily become more or less modified to meet the practical needs and best interests of these schools.

This concludes the material changes in the schools.

The prosperity of the schools during the present school year, so far as covered by this report, we believe to compare well and favorably with that of any previous year.

Although an unusual number of changes in teachers has transpired, at the same time the general progress and efficiency of the schools, as a whole, has been good and commendable.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

The Primary schools have been, except in one instance, in charge of graduates of the High School, and have maintained their usual reputation.

Besides the usual studies, object instruction, instruction in colors, drawing, and colloquial recitation have occurred to a greater or less extent.

Colloquial recitation, however, requires, in its best success, a teacher of full acquirements and some little experience, and the same may be said with equal propriety regarding oral and object instruction. The Primary school is one peculiarly its own. Scholarship here is not all. Tact and aptness in imparting with art in interesting are inseparable to success. The Primary school in its bud becomes the bloom of the Grammar school. The influence of a genial atmosphere is here especially potent.

The moulding of the plastic powers of the Primary pupil sets to the jewel that forms the scholar. Trivial, commonplace instruction here is the paralysis of the higher school. It is a fatal error that here tolerates "the keeping of school." Here, indeed, as in the Grammar school, is the place of the teacher possessing in unique art the qualifications especially requisite to the position.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The Grammar and the Mixed schools, with exceptional instance, have enjoyed the confidence of the community, and have possessed, for the most part, well-placed teachers. Frequent changes of teachers is not desirable, nor does the same often conduce to organizing strength. Confidence in its best estate is generally a matter of slow growth, nor can a teacher become conversant in a moment with the characteristics, possessions and needs of a school coming at once under his instruction. An assimilation of manner, interest and habit must first transpire between teacher and pupil before progress can take decided direction.

Hence, the teacher possessing large organizing power, and who unites with this comprehensiveness of system and energy of purpose, becomes a power whose influence moves to irresistible progress.

When such a teacher has once become the vital source of the school-room, the acquisition of knowledge on the part of every scholar becomes marked and determined, while the school, in its unity of purpose and individuality of character, reflects the impress of its teacher.

The Grammar school occupies a position in our departmental system that cannot in its importance be overestimated. Pupils here are in that formation period of age that ill brooks restraint.

Here the first duty of the teacher is to mould to habits of order and discipline—for without the acquisition of these the whole becomes lost.

The next, and that which requires not less observant care, is the inbuilding of the principles of moral excellence—for these wanting, the most brilliant talents are shaded of their worth; while last in order of duty, and too often made the first and only, is the bestowing of intellectual instruction.

Education in its code contains the physical, the moral, and the intellectual. These, in the full blending of their order, constitute the manhood of life.

The whole duty is both an arduous and an onerous one, but the statute places the teacher in the place of the parent, and in occupying the position he must stand and abide by its responsibility.

The teacher, however, plays not always a lone hand. The genuine parent is always with co-operative interest and encouragement; every parent being privileged with the instruction of his children in the Grammar school, as following the Primary. While, again, these schools are the only ones within the opportunity of the great majority of the community, their interests cannot be too jealously guarded. Hence, these schools need be in full accord with the living demands of the times. The philosophy of education to-day regards the practical, and only tolerates the theoretical in its ability to be blended

with the practical, or in its quality of enhancing the interests of the latter. Hence, to-day, not the "three R's" alone are required, but whatever contributes to the needs of every day social and industrial life. Hence the teachers in the Grammar schools are found giving instruction, not only in descriptive geography, but also in the ready free hand map-drawing of the physical and political divisions of the globe. The history of our country, in its rise and growth as a nation, occupies some study. The notable current events of the day, as transpiring both at home and abroad, receive notice. The vocabulary of words of common usage are made a study. Letter-writing in its forms including special attention to penmanship is taught, as also the forms of ordinary bills. Form, and how to see and delineate the same, has some attention, as also the study of design in its application to industrial purposes. Nor can we fail to commend our teachers in that we notice among them a growing and animated disposition to meet the present and prospective needs of our educational interests.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The High school, still under the charge of Mr. Wyman C. Ficket as Principal, has accomplished a work the past year which compares favorably with that of previous years. To this result the efficiency of the Assistants has largely contributed. After the resignation of Miss Hicks,

which was much regretted, Miss Smith was employed for the first term of the present year, but declining a positive engagement for the remaining terms, Miss Jennie E. Chandler was appointed her successor. By her studious and skilful labors, the whole school in Drawing, and the classes in English studies under her instruction, have made commendable proficiency. A class of considerable size in French has also been formed for her tuition, and promises to be successful.

The discipline of the school is mild, yet effective—enforced in such a way as not to disturb that mutual harmony of feeling between the teachers and pupils, so essential to the most pleasing and profitable results.

At the close of the last school year, which was subsequent to the issuing of the annual report, thirteen who had finished the classical course of four years, were graduated, and received their diplomas. Public exercises were held in the Town Hall, in the presence of a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, who evinced a lively appreciative interest in the essays delivered by the graduates, as indicating a good degree of literary culture. The singing was of an interesting order, conducted by Mr. Richards, the teacher of music in the school.

The qualifications for admission to the High school have been somewhat increased. Notwithstanding this, after two examinations, twenty of the candidates were allowed to enter, to form the present junior class. It is evidently wise and proper to maintain the standard of

admission as high as is practicable, for in so doing we raise the quality of the Grammar schools and each of the Primary grades. On the other hand, it would be as obviously unwise to fix the required qualifications at such an unalterable point, as to refuse to modify them in the least, or adjust them to any varying circumstances.

STATISTICS.

Attendance Junior Class—Summer Term.

Whole number in class	6
Average attendance	5.83
Percentage of attendance . . . . .	.97+

Fall Term.

Whole number in class	19
Average attendance	18.25
Percentage of attendance . . . . .	.96+

Winter Term.

Whole number in class	19
Average attendance	18.25
Percentage of attendance . . . . .	.96+
Percentage for the year . . . . .	.96+

Attendance of Middle Class—Summer Term.

Whole number in class	16
Average attendance	15.3+
Percentage of attendance . . . . .	.96—

Fall Term.

Whole number in class.....	17
Average attendance.....	15.7
Percentage of attendance.....	.925

Winter Term.

Whole number in class.....	16
Average attendance.....	15.7
Percentage of attendance.....	.92+
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Percentage for the year.....	.935

Attendance of Sub-Senior Class—Summer Term.

Whole number in class.....	28
Average attendance.....	26.9+
Percentage of attendance.....	.96+

Fall Term.

Whole number in class.....	26
Average attendance.....	24.9
Percentage of attendance.....	.92+

Winter Term.

Whole number in class.....	25
Average attendance.....	23.1+
Percentage of attendance.....	.924
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Percentage for the year.....	.93+

Attendance of Senior Class—Summer Term.

Whole number in class.....	17
Average attendance.....	16.5+
Percentage of attendance.....	.97 $\frac{1}{2}$

Fall Term.

Whole number in class.....	13
Average attendance.....	12.7
Percentage of attendance.....	.95

Winter Term.

Whole number in class.....	13
Average attendance.....	12.6+
Percentage of attendance.....	.97+

Percentage for the year..... .96+

Names of Senior (Graduating) Class—Classical Course.

James W. Cooper,	Edward L. Churchill,
Albert Leach,	John E. Waterman,
Sadie L. Bottomore,	Alice M. Burrell,
H. Emeline Edson,	Mary E. Fuller,
Lora G. Kingman,	Lucy A. Kingman.
Lottie L. Voigt.	

English Course.

Thomas O'Brien,	Elmer E. Wright.
Average age of class.....	16 years 9 months.
Average age of boys.....	16 years 10 $\frac{2}{3}$ months.
Average age of girls.....	16 years 7 months.
Average scholarship of class, (marked on a scale of 10,)	9.57

These records, it is believed, both as to attendance and scholarship, have very rarely been surpassed. The visitations and examinations of the Committee furnish testimony to the faithfulness and ability of the teachers, and to the general proficiency of the pupils. But the written examinations, which are kept on record, and the answered requirements for advancing to higher classes, are the best proofs of scholarship.

On the whole, we are happy to believe that the town has sufficient reason to indulge an honest pride in the measure of success its High school has achieved. And if the same co-operative care and encouragement which have cherished it in the past shall be continued without diminution in the future, we may gladly expect that each successive year will find it keeping pace with the general progress in educational departments, advancing in whatsoever things are essential to the honor and prosperity of the community, and thus accomplishing the high purposes for which it was established.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

The social needs of the school-room have not been without their attention.

The long existing deficiency of water supply has been partially met by the construction of several wells, and the furnishing the same with durable pumps, by which a ready water supply is now to be had at the High, Central

Grammar, Northville, Eastville and Curtisville schools, leaving the Beaver, Elmwood, Satucket, East and West Primary schools to be yet supplied.

The roof of the High school building has been newly shingled, while the building has been thoroughly painted externally.

A draft and plan for the grading of the High school grounds has been prepared by a competent engineer, and estimates made covering the expense of the work. This is a much needed improvement, as the grounds in their present sand surface and unevenness are neither available as play-grounds nor in any manner attractive. The proprieties of good taste forbid that they should much longer remain a barren waste.

Again, there is much need of a basement under the whole of the High school building, as the same could be used with much advantage. Estimates have been made covering the expense of its construction. Upon the work being done, the heating apparatus could be carried to the rear of the room, while the front part could be used for a play and exercise room in inclement weather, besides being used for storage of supplies, as at present.

The present heating apparatus, although sufficient to warm the building in ordinary winter weather, totally fails to warm the house during atmospheres of extreme cold, and much complaint has arisen in consequence, while the sessions in the lower room are compelled to

be summarily closed at times and the pupils dismissed, the temperature of the room being too low to allow them to remain. An additional furnace is required for use in extreme weather—or, rather, a new furnace is required for the main heating of the building, while the present one could be used for heating the sub-rooms.

The assignment of a four years' course of study to the Intermediate schools will require more ample accommodations for the Central Grammar school than it now enjoys, as this school-room, embracing in its support quite a large and populous territory, will, in having another class, require a seating capacity for not less than a hundred pupils, probably, and this accommodation will possibly be required for the ensuing school year, no promotions, or but few at the most, occurring to the High school the coming Autumn term from the Grammar and Mixed schools.

As regards the High school building, its present dimensions are only sufficient for one school, and not for two separate schools of the size of those now and prospectively occupying the building. Neither, again, has the present High school building any conveniences for cabinet collections, illustrating apparatus, laboratory uses, or library purposes, nor with any of the subsidiary appointments requisite to a High school; while, again, under the regrading of the Intermediate schools, the studies in the High school will have become advanced

after the ensuing school year through the additional year assigned to the Grammar and Mixed schools.

The grounds of the Northville school have been graded in completion of a work designed some time since.

Improvements are needed at the West Primary, although the building has been painted on the outside the present year.

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

For schools.....	\$5,000 00
For repairs.....	600 00
For incidentals.....	400 00

For the School Committee.

BAALIS SANFORD, *Chairman.*

MARTIN P. McLAUTHLIN, *Secretary.*

East Bridgewater, February, 1878.

SCHOOL STATISTICS FOR 1877-8.

Description of School.	Number of Pupils.			Average Attendance.			Percentage Average Attendance.				No. under 5 yrs. of age.	No. over 15 yrs. of age.	Length of School in weeks.			Length of School during year in weeks.
	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	Sum.	Fall.	Win.	For Year.						
High, - - -	67	75	73	65	72	70	.96	.93	.95	.95	0	53	12	13	15	40
Central Grammar, -	79	67	67	72	50	60	.92	.74	.90	.85	0	4	12	12	10	34
Beaver Grammar, -	25*	31	30	21*	27	27	.93	.91	.92	.95	0	3	11	13	10	34
Elmwood Grammar, -	47	17	17	45	16	16	.96	.96	.92	.94	2	0	12	12	10	34
Northville Mixed, -	17	16	18	14	14	17	.82	.88	.95	.88	0	0	12	12	10	34
Eastville Mixed, -	23	18	16	19	13	10	.81	.74	.74	.76	0	2	12	12	10	34
Curtisville Mixed, -	22	23	17	18	19	15	.82	.82	.89	.84	0	0	12	12	10	34
Satucket Mixed, -	19	19	22	18	18	20	.94	.94	.89	.92	1	3	12	12	10	34
Beaver Primary, -	39	36	34	37	30	30	.92	.85	.95	.91	3	0	12	12	10	34
North Primary, -	54	54	48	44	47	38	.86	.87	.79	.84	0	0	12	12	10	34
East Primary, -	39	37	36	34	33	32	.87	.90	.90	.89	2	0	12	12	10	34
Elmwood Primary, -	*	36	32	*	30	28	.84	.87	.86	.86	5	0	*	12	10	22
West Primary, -	51	53	48	47	47	43	.92	.90	.90	.91	0	0	12	12	10	34

* Mixed during Summer term.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For Schools.....	\$5,000 00
School incidentals.....	450 00
Repairs on houses, wells, etc.....	750 00
Received from sale of seven bunches shingles, H. S. . .	6 56
Town West Bridgewater.....	109 68
State Treasurer.	200 61
County Treasurer.....	194 08
Dividends from Quincy Mutual Fire Ins. Co.	22 50
Dr. Asa Millet, boards	5 80
Benjamin Siddall.....	1 06
Total.....	\$6,740 29

FUEL AND PREPARING.

Paid—

Daniel N. Reed, wood and cutting same.....	\$ 3 75
Dr. Asa Millet, coal	75 26
Francis A. Nash, wood	21 00
T. F. Wood, charcoal.....	6 90
G. W. Harden, wood	24 00
Samuel Keith, wood	70 40
Eliab Latham.....	11 00
M. V. West	11 25
Thomas Cummings	12 00
M. P. Perkins.....	7 00
Enoch Freeman.....	19 75
Isaac Lincoln	12 00
Lucius Harden.....	3 50
Total.....	\$277 81

TEACHING.

Paid—

W. C. Fickett	\$1,200 00
Lillie A. Hicks	20 00
Sarah A. Smith	100 00
Jenny E. Chandler	267 00
Anna L. Savil	160 00
Martha H. Wiggin	190 00
Lucia A. Millet	272 00
Agnes I. Luzarder	96 00
Hattie A. Holbrook	176 00
Grace T. Swallow	192 00
William H. Taylor	50 00
Ida M. Pratt	60 00
Mrry F. Thompson	117 00
H. E. Mason	90 00
Mary E. Taylor	60 00
Fannie I. Leach	72 00
C. M. Greenough	60 00
Ellen M. Buttomer	272 00
Eliza Richards	192 00
A. J. Howe	42 00
E. W. Nutter	36 00
Fanny M. Gurney	255 00
Alice C. Newhall	196 00
Lura Whitmarsh	42 00
Huldah M. Kingman	255 00
Georgianna Keith	36 00
Lucy H. Keith	210 00
N. F. Dunphe	272 00
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	\$4,990 00
Town Hanson for schooling two children J. Foster...	17 96
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Total	\$5,007 96

CARE OF HOUSES.

Paid—

Clifford Keith.....	\$ 3 00
Lucy H. Keith.....	6 00
Ellen M. Buttomer.....	9 00
W. H. Taylor.....	5 00
Fred. E. Fuller.....	12 00
Levi P. Churchill.....	4 00
Ellie J. Sturtevant.....	6 70
Sabin Scribner.....	10 00
Fanny M. Gurney.....	9 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett.....	39 50
Mrs. George Sites.....	7 00
Mrs. Nute.....	11 70
C. A. Chandler, cash paid.....	4 18
E. Porter.....	3 50
Grace T. Swallow.....	9 00
Mrs. N. F. Dunphe.....	6 00
Mary F. Thompson.....	4 50
Mrs. Fisher.....	3 90
W. C. Fickett.....	40 00
H. E. Mason.....	4 50
E. W. Nutter.....	3 00
Frank Winn.....	3 60
Fred. Fuller, water High school.....	8 50
Total.....	<hr/> \$213 58

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid—

W. C. Fickett, graduating expenses.....	\$ 4 35
J. L. Hammett, ink wells.....	16 00
J. L. Hammett, crayons and ink	23 50
Sheffield's Express.....	50
Journal News Company.....	1 50
J. W. Chamberlain, printing.....	6 00
J. E. Waterman.....	65
Alger & Co.'s Express, 1877.....	1 95
B. Sanford.....	2 40
J. L. Hammett, dusters, erasers, etc.	14 49
O. S. Howe	2 25
C. E. Dunbar, brooms.....	6 50
Gammons & Nutter, stoves, tin repairs, etc.....	63 91
Alger & Co., express.....	3 95
W. H. Taylor, varnish	1 25
L. Prang & Co., pencils, cards, rubbers.....	44 17
Carter, Pulsifer & Jordan.....	1 00
J. L. Hammett	1 10
J. L. Hammett, globe.....	9 50
A. G. Whitcomb, two desks.....	24 00
J. H. Potter.....	3 00
Charlie Richards.....	1 50
John Waterman ..	2 00
L. Prang & Co.....	1 55
A. Kenny.....	3 50
Luther Wade	1 12
I. N. Nutter, books, etc.....	14 99
<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<u>\$256 63</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$256 63
M. S. Curtis.....	2 20
Woodbury & Gates.....	2 00
J. Burrell, printing.....	15 25
J. L. Hammett, globes.....	14 00
W. C. Fickett, cash for supplies.....	1 75
Lincoln and Hopkinson, waste baskets.....	6 00
W. C. Fickett, text books.....	3 00
M. A. Lewis, clock.....	5 00
Freeman Cushman.....	3 60
Lawrence Duane.....	1 50
Carter, Pulsifer & Jordan.....	1 75
George Dreslane.....	1 50
J. L. Hammett, erasers.....	10 00
Fireman's Fire Insurance Company.....	49 00
A. C. Stockin.....	3 75
I. N. Nutter, books, etc.....	22 66
M. P. McLauthlin, supplies.....	8 28
A. Griffin.....	3 25
J. L. Hammett.....	58
Old Colony Railroad.....	52
O. C. Barrows.....	50
W. H. & Co.....	95
W. K. Churchill, soap.....	30
Samuel R. Newhall, labor.....	1 45
George S. Newhall.....	2 08
Gammons & Nutter.....	14 02
Alger & Co., express.....	1 25
L. W. Richards, music.....	25 00
Total.....	<hr/> \$457 77

REPAIRS.

Paid—

E. P. Reed & Co., shingles, etc., for High school	\$ 118 43
M. S. Curtis, labor and stock inside High school	74 07
J. M. Whiting, labor and stock, High school	15 00
F. P. Whitmarsh, labor and stock, Northville	6 90
Isadus Fuller, shingling High school	52 28
M. S. Curtis, labor on desks High school	26 35
M. S. Curtis, painting outside High school	128 23
J. G. Knapp, repairs, Elmwood	15 95
Samuel R. Newhall, labor, Beaver and High school	25 16
J. M. Whiting, labor and stock	13 69
Ezra T. Fuller, labor, Beaver	4 00
M. Hooper & Co., bricks High school	18 60
Edwin Hayward, digging wells	66 00
J. G. Knapp, rims and platforms for wells	20 00
M. S. Curtis, labor and stock	20 32
W. M. Judkins, bricks	19 20
A. Chamberlain, pumps	34 00
F. Hayward, grading, Beaver	6 09
James Brown, grading, Northville	26 58
Old Colony Railroad, freight on lumber, High school	1 68
N. Southworth, carting lumber for High school	2 50
W. C. Fickett, cash for repairs	1 50
Reynolds, repairs on organ	5 00
Edwin Hayward, cleaning well, North Primary	2 50
Harlow Harden, repairs	2 50
Freeman Cushman, repairs and lumber, Beaver	7 73
Mr. Brown, grading around well, Eastville	2 00
J. L. Hammett, slating for repairs	25 20
Total	<hr/> \$ 741 46

RECAPITULATION.

Schooling Proper.

Amount available	\$5,504 37
Paid for teaching	\$5,007 96
Fuel and preparing.....	277 81
Care of houses.....	213 58
	<hr/> 5,499 35
Unexpended	<hr/> \$ 5 02

Incidental Expenses.

Amount available	\$ 472 50
Amount expended	457 77
Unexpended	<hr/> \$ 14 73

Repairs.

Amount available	\$ 763 42
Amount expended.....	741 46
Unexpended	<hr/> \$ 21 96

L. W. RICHARDS,

Treasurer School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, February, 1878.

REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE

Financial Year ending February 1, 1879.

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 10, 1879.

BOSTON:

WRIGHT & POTTER PRINTING COMPANY,
79 MILK STREET (CORNER OF FEDERAL).

1879.

TOWN OFFICERS OF EAST BRIDGEWATER, 1878.

Town Clerk.

FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.

E. S. WHITMARSH.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

JOSHUA DEAN.

EZRA KINGMAN.

CHARLES H. GOSS.

School Committee.

M. P. McLAUTHLIN.

L. W. RICHARDS.

REV. D. W. RICHARDSON.

C. A. CHANDLER.

Auditors.

CHARLES H. EDSON.

GEORGE ALLEN.

Constables.

WILLIAM M. JUDKINS.

M. S. CURTIS.

JOHN H. SCRIBNER.

T. S. H. ROUNSEVILLE.

Field Drivers.

OLIVER PRATT.

CHARLES H. CHANDLER.

F. C. NUTTER.

AUGUSTUS HOWE.

Pound Keeper.

THOMAS HORTON.

Surveyors of Highways.

DISTRICT No. 1. K. E. SHELDON.

No. 2. E. F. SAMPSON.

No. 3. ISAAC BROWN.

No. 4. THOMAS HORTON.

No. 5. HENRY GURNEY.

DISTRICT No. 6. ELIAB LATHAM.

No. 7. MARK P. HUDSON.

No. 8. STEPHEN HARLOW.

No. 9. FRANK HAYWARD.

No. 10. CALEB GOSS.

Fence Viewers.

SAMUEL KEITH.

GALEN WILLIS.

HENRY GURNEY.

ALLEN WASHBURN.

Wood Measurers.

GEORGE W. HARDEN.

J. E. WATERMAN.

W. K. CHURCHILL.

Weighers of Coal.

JOHN E. WATERMAN.

CHARLES H. EDSON.

Measurers of Lumber.

GEORGE H. BYRAM.

HENRY GURNEY.

CHARLES H. GOSS.

LUTHER CHURCHILL, JR.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

HENRY A. GROW.

Sexton.

GEORGE BEALS.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Indebtedness of the Town,	\$2,000 00
Interest,	35 56
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	\$2,035 56

ASSETS.

Due from Commonwealth for State aid,	\$912 00
Due from Commonwealth for aid to soldiers,	368 96
Rent of Bouldry Place,	24 00
Cash in treasury,	562 67
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	\$1,943 71
Balance against the Town,	\$99 85
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Balance reported last year,	\$845 23
Judgment in Staples suit,	934 06
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Total indebtedness last year,	\$1,779 29

STATE AID.

Paid from Feb. 1, 1878, to Feb. 1, 1879.

Lydia A. Hale,	\$48 00
Eunice S. Bryant,	48 00
Harriet Eddy,	48 00
Sarah B. Gould,	48 00
Sarah C. Hudson,	48 00
Betsey A. Hale,	48 00
Mary Hudson,	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter,	48 00
Mary S. Ripley,	48 00
Lydia A. Sylvester,	48 00
Thankful O. Trow,	48 00
Rachel B. Underwood,	12 00
Eldridge Winsor,	72 00
Charles L. Jones,	72 00
Sophronia Carter,	48 00
Harriet S. Packard,	36 00
Edmund W. Nutter,	72 00
Jane Leonard,	48 00
Perez Williams,	24 00
 Total,	 \$912 00

AID TO SOLDIERS.

*Paid under the Act of the Legislature passed May 17, 1878,
and will be refunded to the Town.*

Perez Williams,	\$24 00
William L. Morey,	16 00
 <i>Amount carried forward,</i>	 \$40 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	\$40 00
Hodijah L. Tisdale,	.	.	.	.	.	24 00
William Shaw,	.	.	.	.	.	32 00
Josiah E. Reynolds,	.	.	.	.	.	128 96
Benjamin F. Pearson,	.	.	.	.	.	16 00
Augustus M. Howe,	.	.	.	.	.	24 00
Joseph M. Whitman,	.	.	.	.	.	32 00
Charles W. B. Tucker,	24 00
Lemuel B. Pratt,	24 00
Thacher B. Wright,	8 00
Asa W. Whitman,	16 00
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Total,	\$368 96

The Act was repealed Jan. 22, 1879.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid abatement of taxes,	\$150 35
Avery & Doten, printing reports for 1878,	.	.	.	.	.	114 75
Avery & Doten, printing list of voters,	.	.	.	.	.	12 50
decorating soldiers' graves,	.	.	.	.	.	100 00
Diana Allen, gravel,	.	.	.	.	.	20 00
B. E. Edson, labor and stock on Town Hall,	.	.	.	.	.	8 05
Mark P. Hudson, stock and labor on Elmwood						
Bridge,	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
E. B. Iron Company, cinders,	.	.	.	.	.	25 00
E. P. Reed & Co., lumber,	49 33
Joseph W. Drayton, labor and material,	2 60
printing dog-notices,	2 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$496 58

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$496 58
Paid Nathaniel W. French, injury on highway,	100 00
expense of referees,	15 00
Isam Mitchell, lumber,	3 03
E. P. Reed & Co., lumber,	57 75
Dr. Copeland, services,	3 00
E. B. Iron Company, use of derrick,	6 00
Howard, Clark, & Co., coffin-stools,	3 50
Pauper-register,	6 00
Charles Wilson, covering-stone for bridge,	45 00
Freight on the same,	22 04
Spencer Leonard, expense of herring fishery,	58 51
Walter L. Benson, horse-hire,	13 00
E. B. Iron Company, material for bridge,	3 10
S. D. Shaw, sundries for bridge,	1 99
C. H. Goss, lumber on bridge,	31 50
James S. McLane, labor on bridge,	5 00
David Roach, labor on bridge,	12 00
Thomas S. Stetson, labor on bridge,	6 00
Patrick Quigley, labor on bridge,	10 50
C. H. Goss, lumber for bridge,	3 78
John B. Porter, for sheep,	10 00
Patrick Carroll, labor on bridge,	3 60
George B. Howland, labor on bridge,	7 50
David Tower, labor on bridge,	4 80
Charles H. Brown, gravel,	15 00
Charles C. Thayer, horse and carriage,	75
Jarvis Burrell, printing,	18 85

Amount carried forward, \$963 78

<i>Amount brought forward</i> ,	\$963 78
Paid F. A. Nash, labor on highway,	9 35
Hosea Kingman, in Dunn suit,	52 31
W. H. Osborne, services,	12 10
Gammons & Nutter,	1 65
Alfred Griffin, horse and carriage,	1 00
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Amount,	\$1,040 19

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

DISTRICT No. 1.

HENRY GURNEY, *Surveyor*.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
Eleazer Whitman,	\$0 45
Frank E. Sturtevant,	67
Nahum P. Keith,	75
George R. Dyer,	2 02
Thomas H. Cummings,	2 70
George W. Mellen,	12 45
A. C. White,	14 10
D. W. Gurney,	46 65
Henry Gurney,	100 92
D. Whitman, for gravel,	5 10
Plank for bridge,	14 19
Total,	<hr/> \$200 00

DISTRICT No. 2.

K. E. SHELDON, *Surveyor*.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
Amount paid to sixteen men and two teams, .	\$200 00

The number of hours each man worked and the amount paid for the same was carefully recorded in the book, but no separate bills or receipts were presented.

DISTRICT No. 3.

ISAAC BROWN, *Surveyor*.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
C. H. Baldwin,	\$30 25
Matthew Wilder,	3 00
I. D. Thurlow,	19 55
J. B. Brown,	5 50
Jason Harden,	3 00
David Pratt,	4 00
J. E. Bisbee,	7 50
Allen P. Pratt,	13 50
Herbert L. Ramsdell,	1 50
F. B. Chamberlain,	12 60
J. B. Hammond,	9 10
Benjamin F. Bisbee,	3 50
Willis Harden,	22 00
James Brown,	22 45
N. W. French,	4 50
Isaac Brown,	38 05
Total,	————— \$200 00

DISTRICT No. 4.

THOMAS HORTON, *Surveyor*.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
B. H. Fisher,	\$5 00
James Munroe,	4 50
E. Copeland,	12 00
Charles Raymond,	4 50
B. H. Fisher,	5 00
E. Howe,	75
Simeon Whitmarsh,	1 25
Thomas Horton,	155 20
E. Copeland,	11 80
Total,	————— \$200 00

DISTRICT No. 5.

EZRA F. SAMPSON, *Surveyor*.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
George W. Harden,	\$138 17
Luther Harden,	3 75
Charles A. Latham,	10 35
E. P. Reed & Co., lumber,	6 68
— Atwood,	1 25
E. F. Sampson,	25 99
Gravel,	2 50
Cyrus Munroe,	7 35
Sundry small bills,	3 96
Total,	————— \$200 00

DISTRICT No. 6.

ELIAB LATHAM, *Surveyor*.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
Eliab Latham,	\$90 78
J. W. Latham,	19 76
W. Shaw,	18 77
C. A. Latham,	8 53
Galen Latham,	13 65
W. Green,	4 75
Patrick Quigley,	3 00
David Roach,	15 92
S. C. Keith,	4 00
M. Sheridan,	1 63
George Chamberlain,	1 25
William Desmond,	2 25
Freedom Keith,	60
Samuel Keith,	6 50
Nathaniel Perkins,	2 00
E. Hardy,	1 81
John Donnelly,	3 75
J. H. Hathaway,	1 50
B. Donnelly,	4 30
Total,	————— \$204 75

The excess (\$4.75), a gratuity from Mr. Latham.

DISTRICT No. 7.

MARK P. HUDSON, *Surveyor*.

Appropriation,	\$200 00
E. H. Kingman,	\$2 00
W. L. Benson,	36 08
N. M. Keene,	9 40
Samuel Davenport,	6 30
Linus E. Hayward,	1 05
David Gurney,	9 00
James Cunningham,	5 25
James O'Connell,	1 50
Samuel Reed,	7 56
Samuel Luzarder,	4 27
Warren K. Churchill,	75
Levi W. Noyes,	16 87
Joseph Vey,	2 25
James R. Hudson,	15 47
Mark P. Hudson,	30 75
Harrison White,	14 58
E. Davenport,	10 35
George R. Ryder,	3 00
Mark P. Hudson,	15 80
Levi W. Noyes,	3 00
Mark P. Hudson,	4 77
Total,	<hr/> \$200 00

DISTRICT No. 8.
STEPHEN HARLOW, *Surveyor*.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Stephen Harlow,	\$158 19	
Thomas Swift,	6 25	
George Southworth,	5 00	
Ezra Fuller,	6 75	
John Buckley,	8 00	
L. A. Wright,	1 31	
Joseph Vey,	14 50	
Total,	<hr/>	\$200 00

DISTRICT No. 9.
FRANK HAYWARD, *Surveyor*.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Frank Hayward,	\$107 83	
W. E. Whitman,	33 00	
W. Hayward,	41 47	
M. Doody,	17 70	
Total,	<hr/>	\$200 00

DISTRICT No. 10.
CALEB GOSS, *Surveyor*.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Henry Gurney,	\$4 20	
M. Burk,	11 97	
M. Hennessy,	2 50	
E. Ford,	10 06	
Roger Carr,	12 50	
Pat. Carroll,	1 87	
C. Hooper,	73	
E. Tisdale,	8 75	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<hr/>	\$52 58
		\$200 00

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	.	.	\$52 58	\$200 00
F. Freeman,	.	.	9 37	
F. Freeman,	.	.	8 12	
M. Burk,	.	.	4 50	
W. Hayward,	.	.	4 87	
S. W. Richmond,	.	.	2 00	
S. F. White,	.	.	57	
Stephen Harlow,	.	.	68	
E. Ford,	.	.	1 25	
Galen Willis,	.	.	9 96	
Frank Freeman,	.	.	9 37	
C. H. Goss,	.	.	1 50	
E. W. Holmes, gravel,	.	.	1 05	
L. Keith,	.	.	4 71	
Caleb Goss,	.	.	96 73	
Total,	.	.	—	\$207 26

The excess (\$7.26), a gratuity from Mr. Goss.

REMOVING SNOW.

Mr. Samuel Keith, Surveyor, approved and presented bills from 101 individuals for \$281.48, for removing snow in February, 1878, and town orders have been drawn to pay the same,	\$281 48
Also to E. S. Whitmarsh,	1 50
Caleb Goss,	1 60
E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr.,	5 00
George Pratt,	1 20
Roland F. Copeland,	1 40
Isaac Brown,	4 00
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Total,	\$296 18

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid F. S. Strong, School Committee, . . .	\$6 00
D. W. Richardson, School Committee, . . .	75 00
Clarence A. Chandler, School Committee, . . .	50 68
L. W. Richards, School Committee, . . .	10 00
W. M. Judkins, Constable,	29 60
George M. Keith, Moderator,	3 00
I. N. Nutter, Treasurer,	87 51
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector,	118 78
Charles H. Goss, Selectman, &c.,	46 20
Frank Smith, Town Clerk,	47 56
Ezra Kingman, Selectman, horse and car fares, .	292 90
Joshua Dean, Selectman, horse and car fares, .	104 27
Martin P. McLauthlin, School Committee, . .	112 50
Balis Sanford,	8 73
E. S. Whitmarsh, Selectman,	50 20
Charles H. Edson, Auditor,	7 50
George Allen, Auditor,	7 50
Loring Holbrook, Sexton,	20 00
George Beal, Sexton,	57 50

\$1,134 83

May 3, 1878. — Mr. Nathaniel W. French presented a claim for damages sustained when travelling upon the highway near his home, on the evening of April 4, for \$250; and it was agreed between the said French and the selectmen, to leave the case to the decision of the following gentlemen as referees; viz., Spencer Leonard, of Bridgewater; James Howard, of West Bridgewater; and E. H. Josselyn, of Brockton. The referees met on June 3d,

and after viewing the highway and learning the facts, awarded	
Mr. French	\$100 00
Expenses of referees,	15 00
Total expense,	<hr/> \$115 00

LIST OF PERSONS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN TO SERVE
AS JURORS FOR 1879.

George W. Allen.	Eliab Latham.
Charles H. Brown.	Arthur Harris.
James Brown.	Edmund W. Nutter.
Wellington Caldwell.	Levi W. Noyes.
Warren K. Churchill.	Martin P. McLauthlin.
Luther Churchill, Jr.	David Pratt.
Caleb Goss.	Ezra S. Whitmarsh.
Henry Gurney.	M. C. Shaw.
Samuel Gurney.	Eleazer Whitman.
Abbot T. Hewitt.	George A. Wright.
Henry G. Hill.	Noah A. Washburn.
George Harden.	William Vinton.
Newton M. Keen.	Mark P. Hudson.
Zebina Keith, Jr.	Jotham Hicks.
Marcus M. Keith.	Linus Hayward.
Simeon C. Keith.	Ezra F. Sampson.
Frank Smith.	K. E. Sheldon.
Edward F. Field.	Simeon W. Richmond.
William E. Whitman.	

JOSHUA DEAN,
E. KINGMAN,
CHAS. H. GOSS,
Selectmen of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION FOR 1878.

Real estate,	\$946,022 00
Personal estate,	274,913 00
Total,	<u>\$1,220,935 00</u>
Number of polls,	753
Rate of taxation,	$1\frac{1}{10}$ per cent.
State tax,	\$770 00
County tax,	1,693 80
Town tax,	12,084 06
Added for convenience,	388 93
	<u>\$14,936 79</u>

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1878.

For schools,	\$4,750 00
repairs of school property,	350 00
school incidentals,	300 00
roads,	2,000 00
payment of town officers,	1,000 00
incidental expenses,	600 00
decorating soldiers' graves,	100 00
herring fishery,	50 00
	<u>\$9,150 00</u>

JOSHUA DEAN,
 EZRA KINGMAN,
 CHARLES H. GOSS,

Assessors

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE.

Dr.

To inventory, Feb. 1, 1878,	.	.	.	.	\$1,182 00
superintendent's salary,	.	.	.	.	300 00
Dr. Orr, medical attendance,	12 50
Dr. Miller, medical attendance,	10 25
cash from treasury,	637 30
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					\$2,142 05

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By inventory, Feb. 1, 1879,	\$1,285 00
cost of supporting poor at Almshouse,	857 05
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					\$2,142 05

Whole number of inmates during the year,	10
Average number, very nearly	7
Cost per week,	.	.	.	.	\$2 36+

A portion of the money drawn from the treasury by the superintendent was paid to outside applicants, for labor in improving the pasture and cutting wood (of which no account is made), instead of aiding them directly. If the aid thus rendered had been charged to *outside support*, it would reduce the cost per week of those at the Almshouse.

PRESENT INMATES.

Calvin Eaton, 79 years of age. Lysander Bourne, 70 years of age. Ard Edson, 86 years of age. George H. Savory, 61 years of age. Amos Mellen, 80 years of age. Adeline H. Keene, 56 years of age. Lewis Wright.

Whole number of tramps for the year, 55.

AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid—

Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Hannah Dunn,	\$210 63
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Nathaniel S. Bouldry,	209 03
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Josiah E. Reynolds,	128 96
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Joshua Sears Keith,	210 58
For aid to Joseph M. Whitman and family,	9 45
aid to Benjamin H. Fisher and family,	4 11
aid to Lucina Mitchell,	52 00
aid to Sybil Dunbar,	52 00
City of Boston, for aid to Peter Foley and family,	14 75
City of Lynn, for aid to Mrs. James Connors and family,	88 00
City of Lowell, for aid to Mrs. Catherine Quinn and family,	12 50
Mrs. Sophia Harlow and family (belonging to Brockton),	40 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,032 01

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,032 01
Ella E. Cole (belonging to Middleborough),	32 00
George Jenkins,	8 50
Mrs. Arlon M. Ballou, and medical attendance,	90 00
Town of Bridgewater, aid to Lewis Wright,	5 14
Town of Scituate, aid to Leander Osborne and family,	54 43
City of New Bedford, aid to Melissa Mitchell,	5 50
Caleb Hicks, for groceries to H. H. Johnson and family,	5 00
John L. Coulter and family,	12 00
John Hobart, for coal to Feeney and Keiff,	12 00
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	\$1,256 58
Received from town of Brockton,	\$30 00
Received from town of Middleborough,	32 00
Due from town of Brockton,	10 00
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	72 00
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Total cost out of Almshouse,	\$1,184 58

We have received a bill from the town of South Abington for the support of Susannah Hayden, covering a period of two years, and amounting to \$263.16. We have denied her settlement in East Bridgewater and have declined paying the bill.

JOSHUA DEAN,
EZRA KINGMAN,
CHARLES H. GOSS,

Overseers of the Poor.

REPORT OF COLLECTOR.

The amount remaining uncollected (twenty-three dollars and forty cents) at the last annual meeting, was abated by the assessors, June 26.

Tax committed for collection, September,	\$14,925 57
Tax subsequently committed,	10 25
Interest collected,	115 65
	<hr/> \$15,051 47
Cash paid Treasurer,	\$15,051 47

ABATEMENTS.

John E. Bisbee,	not taxable,	\$2 00
William Howard,	“ “	2 00
Charles F. Cole,	“ “	2 00
Frank W. French,	“ “	2 00
Leonard J. Goodrich,	“ “	2 00
Frank A. Keith,	“ “	2 00
Patrick Keeley,	“ “	2 00
Archibald F. McLeod,	“ “	2 00
Andrew P. Young,	“ “	2 00
Mellen M. Farrington,	“ “	2 00
Samuel Blois,	“ “	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/> \$22 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>				\$22 00
I. Alvan Lyon,	not taxable,	.	.	2 00
Joseph W. Caldwell,	" "	.	.	2 00
John D. Veaney,	" "	.	.	2 00
Jesse Kimball,	" "	.	.	2 00
Nahum P. Keith,	" "	.	.	2 00
Francis R. Flagg,	" "	.	.	55
Albert C. Edson,	" "	.	.	2 20
Samuel V. Chandler,	" "	.	.	2 55
John W. Mitchell,	" "	.	.	4 53
John Donnelly,	" "	.	.	8 60
Marcus Packard,	" "	.	.	1 65
Jabez H. Sturtevant,	" "	.	.	57
George Eldridge,	unknown,	.	.	2 00
Joshua Dorin,	"	.	.	2 00
Samuel McKinney,	"	.	.	2 00
James Cairn,	"	.	.	2 00
John Murray,	"	.	.	2 00
Samuel W. Barrett,	"	.	.	2 00
John O'Brien,	"	.	.	2 00
Thomas Soule,	"	.	.	2 00
Herbert Hutchinson,	out of town,	.	.	2 00
James W. Beaton,	" "	.	.	2 00
Samuel H. Reynolds,	" "	.	.	2 00
Benjamin F. Bisbee,	" "	.	.	2 00
Lyman C. Shaw,	in town,	.	.	2 00
Robert Washburn,	"	.	.	2 00
John Lube,	"	.	.	2 00
George Jenkins,	"	.	.	2 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>				\$84 65

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	.	\$84 65
Lucius Harden, in town,	.	.	.	.	2 00
H. P. Caswell, "	.	.	.	.	2 00
Samuel Barrett, "	.	.	.	.	2 00
John Dillon, "	.	.	.	.	2 00
Patrick Rogers, "	.	.	.	.	2 00
Patrick Keiff, "	.	.	.	.	11 90
Richard S. Higgins, "	.	.	.	.	5 96
Henry A. Osborne, "	.	.	.	.	4 31
Jeremiah Dunn, "	.	.	.	.	15 53
John M. Brainard, dead,	.	.	.	.	2 00
Thomas Murray, "	.	.	.	.	2 00
Francis L. Sturtevant, in town,	.	.	.	.	2 00
William A. Shaw, "	.	.	.	.	2 00
Daniel W. Thrasher, "	2 00
Albert Bates, "	2 00
Walter Peiper, "	2 00
Edward Soule, "	2 00
Frank P. Reed, "	2 00
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					\$150 35

Twenty-three of the above-named persons were not taxable ; eight are unknown to me ; two are dead ; twenty are in town.

A part of the above were abated at the solicitation of the persons taxed, the remainder by my request.

E. S. WHITMARSH, *Collector.*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer*, in account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1878.

Dr.

Feb. 15.	Balance as per report,	\$51 79
	Borrowed on notes of town in anticipa- tion of taxes,	11,568 41
June 1.	C. H. Goss, Selectman, amount received for yoke of oxen, sold from Town Farm,	102 00
	C. H. Goss, amount received for old planks,	2 50
Aug. 14.	City of Boston, aid furnished Henry Humphrey,	42 30
Sept. 23.	Town of Middleboro', aid to Ella E. Cole,	32 00
Dec. 9.	State Treasurer, Corporation tax,	908 74
	State Treasurer, National Bank tax,	599 24
	State Treasurer, State aid,	919 00
17.	Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Dividend on policy,	9 00
<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: 0;"/> Amount carried forward,		\$14,234 98

Amount brought forward, \$14,234 98

1879.

Jan. 13.	Town of Brockton, aid to Mrs. Sophia Harlow,	30 00
18.	State Treasurer, income of Massachusetts School Fund,	199 07
27.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax,	160 92
Feb. 11.	Selectmen, amount received for lumber used at bridge near Siddall's,	14 19
17.	School Committee, amount received for lumber and book sold,	3 19
	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of scholars in Beaver School,	133 65
	E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, amount of tax of 1878, including interest,	15,051 47
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		\$29,827 47

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Paid notes of town given for money borrowed,	\$11,568 41
interest on town notes,	195 34
W. S. Danforth, Register of Deeds, recording	
Collector's affidavit,	65
County tax for 1878,	1,693 80
State tax for 1878,	770 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, for real estate sold	
for non-payment of tax of 1878, taxed to	
Fearing, Rodman & Swift,	73 32
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<i>\$14,301 52</i>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$14,301 52
Paid E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, tax of 1878 on real estate formerly of George W. Dean, James Eaton, Willis Harden and Charles W. Harden, sold in previous years for non-pay- ment of taxes,	39 70
orders drawn by Selectmen,	9,065 69
orders drawn by School Committee,	5,857 89
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						\$29,264 80
Cash on hand,	562 67
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						\$29,827 47

I. N. NUTTER,

Town Treasurer.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 24, 1879.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1878.

Feb.	2.	Good Samaritans, . . .	\$2 50
	6 & 7.	C. D. A. rehearsals, . . .	3 00
	8 & 9.	C. D. A. entertainments, . . .	10 00
	12.	Dance,	10 00
	14.	Gleaners,	8 00
Mar.	4.	Dance,	10 00
	10.	Good Samaritans, . . .	2 50
	15.	Amarena Bros., . . .	12 00
	20.	E. B. Musical Society, rehearsal,	1 50
April	3.	Dance,	10 00
	6.	E. B. M. S., rehearsal, . . .	1 50
	8.	Temperance Union, . . .	2 50
	11.	E. B. M. S., concert, . . .	5 00
	14.	Good Samaritans, . . .	2 50
	17.	Dance,	8 00
	22.	Dance,	10 00
	30.	Rehearsal,	1 00

Amount carried forward, . . . \$100 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$100 00
May	1. Unitarian entertainment,	5 00
	1. C. D. A. rehearsals,	4 00
	23 & 24. C. D. A. entertainments,	10 00
June	7. E. B. M. S., rehearsal,	1 50
Aug.	21. Gleaners,	8 00
Sept.	13. Young ladies' party,	5 00
	17. Lent's Combination,	10 00
	19. Ball,	13 00
	27 & 30. E. B. M. S., rehearsals,	3 00
Oct.	— E. B. M. S., 7 rehearsals,	10 50
	11. Farmers' meeting,	2 00
	17. Sutton's Minstrels,	12 00
	25. Political meeting,	5 00
	26. Political meeting,	5 00
	28. B. W. Harris,	5 00
	29. E. B. M. S., rehearsal,	1 50
	30. E. B. M. S., concert,	5 00
Nov.	1. E. B. M. S., concert,	5 00
	3. Temperance Union,	2 50
	4. C. H. Edson,	5 00
	11. Rehearsal,	2 00
	12. Unitarian entertainment,	5 00
	19. Spaulding's Bell Ringers,	10 00
	21. C. H. Edson,	5 00
	27 & 28. C. D. A. entertainments,	10 00
	30. C. F. Gallegher,	7 00
Dec.	12. Concert,	8 00

Amount carried forward, . . . \$265 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$265 00	
Dec. 17.	Dance,	8 00	
24.	Unitarian entertainment,	5 00	
31.	Dance,	8 00	
1879.			
Jan. 1.	Temperance Union,	5 00	
18.	Timbuctoo Minstrels,	8 00	
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			\$299 00

EXPENDITURES.

1878.			
Feb. 3.	Mrs. Quigley, cleaning,	\$0 83	
23.	John Hobart, coal,	6 30	
Mar. 23.	Benj. T. Edson, repairs,	1 16	
April 17.	John Hobart, coal,	3 30	
22.	W. M. Judkins,	2 00	
May 1.	Mrs. Quigley, cleaning,	60	
3.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, &c.,	12 29	
10.	M. S. Curtis, setting glass, &c.,	4 00	
July 6.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, chimneys, &c.,	5 07	
Sept. 20.	Mrs. Reardon, cleaning,	1 65	
Oct. 20.	M. S. Curtis, painting,	1 63	
Dec. 26.	Blinds and fixtures,	31 86	
28.	B. T. Edson, labor,	15 68	
28.	John Hobart, coal,	6 50	
1879.			
Jan. 3.	Gammons & Nutter, burners, oil, &c.,	25 12	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$117 99	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$117 99
Jan. 31.	M. S. Curtis, painting blinds,	14 50
31.	Elijah Hinkley, services as janitor for the year,	83 00
31.	Frank Smith, Sec. of Com.,	10 00
		<hr/> \$225 49
Total receipts,		\$299 00
Total expenditures,		225 49
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Balance in hands of Committee,		\$73 51

JOSHUA DEAN,
I. N. NUTTER,
FRANK SMITH,

Committee.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen, School Committee, the Assessors, Treasurer, and Collector, and report as follows:—

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer, . . .	\$9,065 69
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer, . . .	9,065 69

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer, . . .	\$5,857 89
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer, . . .	5,857 89

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year, . . .	\$29,827 47
Amount paid out during the year, . . .	29,264 80
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Balance on hand,	\$562 67

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection, . . .	\$14,935 82
Amount of interest collected, . . .	115 65
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Total,	\$15,051 47
Amount paid to Treasurer,	15,051 47

The Collector has exhibited to me the Treasurer's receipt for the amount.

I report that the assessment of taxes has been correctly made.

I deem it my duty to compliment the various officers whose accounts I have audited, for the very careful and accurate manner in which they have kept the same.

GEORGE ALLEN, *Auditor*.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Twenty-eight marriages have been recorded during the year 1878.

1878.

- Jan. 12. Nahum Keith of East Bridgewater, and Emma F. Hatch of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
15. George B. Vaughn of Watertown, and Florence J. Kimball of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Feb. 2. John C. Carr of Bridgewater, and Asenath M. Bouldry of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Samuel L. Beal.
7. Alonzo S. Hathaway and Mary E. Atwood, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.
11. Reuben Rice, Jr., of Concord, and Katie B. Hoyt of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Theo. F. Wright.
- March 3. Charles H. Chandler and Mary S. Mills, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Wm. F. Farrington.
6. Andrew J. Wheeler of Boston, and Ella M. Vinal of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Joseph Jenks.

- March 12. Walter H. Lyon of Halifax, and Josephine R. Osborne of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Theo. F. Wright.
12. Dexter H. Hawley and Lovina W. Reynolds, both of Waltham. By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
14. Walter S. Hooper of East Bridgewater, and Sarah O. Merrow of South Abington. By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
31. Herbert A. Swift and Nellie T. Nute, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
- April 2. George L. Barr of Worcester, and Lucy B. Keith of East Bridgewater. By Rev. G. W. Ballou.
9. George H. Pratt, Jr., and Abby M. Thayer, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. William F. Farrington.
- June 2. Alfred W. Bryant and Ida F. Lincoln, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. J. Smith.
4. Eliab Whitman and Susan E. Hall, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. G. A. Litchfield.
16. Wallace C. Ransden and Lucy D. Wade, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. Lyle.
- July 3. Lawrence Nolan and Mary Barton, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John Conlin.
6. Otis H. Thompson and Heloise A. Bourne, both of Halifax. By Rev. W. J. Smith.
21. Ira F. Aldrich and Helen M. Holmes, both of East Bridgewater. By F. H. Boynton.
- Aug. 11. Lewis Delano and Wealthy S. Ford, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. W. Richardson.

- Sept. 11. Frederic A. Leach and Nellie J. Standish, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. H. D. Walker.
- Oct. 1. George F. Cushing and Lizzie W. Ramsdell, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. H. D. Walker.
16. James D. Freeman and E. Augusta Reed, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. A. Jordan.
27. Frank A. Reed and Carrie A. Thompson, both of Brockton. By Rev. William F. Farrington.
- Nov. 3. George Benedict, Jr., of Bethel, Conn., and Edith Paine of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
24. Patrick Welch and Bridget Hennessy, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John Conlin.
28. Ellery P. Clapp of Stoughton, and Lois M. Keen of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. J. Smith.
- Dec. 25. Thomas Holmes and Eliza J. Roberts, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR
THE YEAR 1878.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1878.		
Feb. 3,	Minnie Harris Churchill, .	Frank N. and Florence W.
16,	Sarah McCarty, . . .	John and Margaret.
16,	Charles Cunningham, . .	James and Bridget.
Mar. 1,	Augusta Evelyn Josselyn, .	Walter W. and Minerva.
14,	Ada Lewis Brown, . . .	George E. and Mary E.
26,	Walter Edwin Haywood, .	George E. and Susan A.
Apr. 1,	Hannah Maria Carroll, .	Patrick F. and Bridget.
May 10,	Zylphia Alice Soule, . .	Edward L. and Emeline W.
14,	Kate Gorman,	Michael and Bridget.
June 14,	Dora Frances Green, . .	William and Dora J.
28,	Ellen Burke,	Michael and Ellen.
July 9,	— Thompson,	Lysander M. and Sarah M.
15,	Frank Everett Fisher, .	Benjamin H. and Mary.
30,	— Allen,	James S. and Alice.
Aug. 8,	Herbert Scott Hathaway, .	Alonzo S. and Mary E.
21,	Louise Prescott Allen, .	Granville C. and Abby L.
25,	John Halbert White, . .	Paul and Annie.
Sept. 11,	Sarah Williams Dubois, .	Samuel and Manuella H.
12,	Patrick William Foley, .	Patrick and Mary.
28,	Alice Amelia Hodgkin, .	Chandler and Sophia.
Oct. 1,	William Feeney,	Michael, Jr. and Mary.
4,	Joseph Souza,	Manuel and Mary.
4,	{ William Henry Harrison }	Wm. H. H. and Lucretia.
	{ Johnson, Jr., . . . }	
16,	Grace Agnes Watson, . .	Albert B. and Agnes I.
18,	Maxham Everett Nash, .	Francis A. and Kezia.
21,	Edith Hamilton Lyon, .	Walter H. and Josephine R.
Nov. 7,	Alice Elizabeth Whitmarsh,	Fred. P. and Louise.
12,	Curtis Whitman Washburn,	Seldon and Rebecca.

BIRTHS REGISTERED — *Continued.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1878.		
Nov. 20,	Gertrude Bent Edson, .	Albert C. and Sarah E.
22,	Charles Warren Atwood, .	Charles L. and Ellen I.
Dec. 14,	Jessie Lothrop Tisdale, .	Hodijah and Isabel P.
28,	Thomas Hennessy, .	Michael and Catharine.
1877.		
July 11,	Michael Burke, . . .	Michael and Ellen.
1875.		
Jan. 9,	Edmund Le Forest Reed, .	Welcome O. and Eliza M.
Oct. 4,	Lester Adams Harden, .	Jehiel and Ruth.

Whole number of births in 1878, . . . 32

Males, . . . 14

Females, . . . 18

Of foreign parentage, . . . 11

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR
THE YEAR 1878.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
1878.					
Jan. 9,	Ellen Conroy, . . .	49	—	—	Consumption.
12,	Lillian E. Skinner, . . .	3	10	10	Bilious Typhoid Fever
28,	Margaret Welch, . . .	38	—	—	Parturition.
Feb. 15,	Sidney Packard, . . .	72	—	23	Paralysis.
Mar. 5,	Thomas Barton, . . .	38	—	—	Congestion of Lungs.
23,	Daniel Briggs, . . .	36	6	16	Typhoid Pneumonia.
Apr. 8,	Eunice Washburn, . . .	87	5	12	Paralysis.
8,	Margaret Welch, . . .	—	2	—	—
21,	Hezekiah B Colby, . . .	63	2	21	Spinal Disease.
26,	Samuel V. Chandler, . . .	53	1	12	Softening of Brain.
May 1,	Alson Sumner Knapp, . . .	—	10	23	Pneumonia.
13,	Oliver Holmes, . . .	67	1	9	Heart Disease.
31,	John Conant, . . .	40	9	27	Apoplexy.
June 24,	Andre Rozy, . . .	22	—	—	Suffocation.
July 8,	John F. Morey, . . .	25	11	—	Consumption.
22,	Peleg Lester Osborne, . . .	—	—	8	Congestion of Liver.
23,	Harry Tisdale Carter, . . .	—	4	3	Congestion of Brain.
25,	Charles Homer Sanford, . . .	31	6	—	Drowning.
Aug. 7,	Child of J. S. Allen, . . .	—	—	8	—
9,	Samuel A. Orr, M. D., . . .	75	8	24	Internal Injuries.
24,	Harry N. Churchill, . . .	9	11	10	Typhoid Fever.
25,	Willie Prescott Clark, . . .	1	2	8	Dentition.
28,	Demaris A. Tirrell, . . .	73	11	—	Diarrhœa.
Sept. 7,	Joseph Barnes, . . .	—	6	—	—
18,	William Wells Howard, . . .	32	11	14	{ Tumor pressing on the Brain.
24,	Margaret P. Farrington, . . .	61	—	—	Cancer.
28,	Celia Delano, . . .	77	—	7	Paralysis.
Oct. 3,	Alice Roach, . . .	70	—	—	Old Age.
13,	Waldo Bradford Clark, . . .	—	3	3	Canker.
15,	Sally Parris, . . .	92	10	10	Paralysis.
23,	John M. Brainard, . . .	57	9	5	Drowning.
Nov. 8,	Josiah Hathaway, . . .	68	7	23	Consumption.
17,	Ellen R. Ballou, . . .	34	9	—	Paralysis.
22,	John T. Pratt, . . .	65	2	23	Dropsy.
29,	John O'Hara, . . .	55	—	—	Drowning.
Dec. 3,	Maria T. Wade, . . .	55	8	10	Consumption.
28,	Joshua S. Keith, . . .	40	—	—	Phthisis.

Number of Deaths registered, 38

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES.

To the Voters and Tax-Payers of East Bridgewater:

The Legislature of 1878 so far amended chapter 190 of the Acts of 1872 as to allow this town and the towns of Bridgewater, West Bridgewater and Halifax to agree to fish in common and divide the expense between them; also to raise money to defray such expense. (See Chapter 32, Acts of 1878.) In pursuance of this law, the four towns voted at their last annual meetings to fish together and divide the expense, leaving the details of the matter with their respective committees on fisheries. Soon after the passage of these votes the committees met and chose Spencer Leonard, Esq., of Bridgewater, as the agent of the towns to attend to all the work of selecting a fishing-place, hiring men and disposing of the fish. That gentleman selected a spot on the Taunton River in Bridgewater, just at the foot of the paper-mill dam, and began fishing as soon as the circumstances would permit after April 1st.

The following is his report of operations, and the expense attending it:—

EXPENSES AND RECEIPTS OF THE FISHERIES AT
BRIDGEWATER, FOR 1878.

Cost of fish-house,	\$88 30
Paid fishermen,	143 50
Paid for seine and nets,	39 40
Personal service,	13 50
Other expenses,	32 95
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	\$317 65
Received for 14,742 fish sold,	83 59
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Deficit,	\$234 06

PROPERTY NOW ON HAND.

- 1 fish-house, 12 ft. by 20 ft.
- 1 seine.
- 3 scoop-nets.
- 2 bows and handles for set-nets.
- 4 baskets.
- 5 hogsheads for salting fish.
- 2 barrels for salting fish.
- 1 boat.
- 1 pail, 1 measure, ropes, etc.

SPENCER LEONARD.

The property now on hand belongs to the four towns. The deficit was divided equally between the towns, our share being \$58.51, which sum has been paid to Mr. Leonard, and a receipt obtained therefor. Beside this

sum, your Committee has expended \$5.10 in stocking Satucket River with California salmon. This expense was occasioned by transporting the fry from Winchester, Mass., to our town ; the fry, 10,000 in number, having been given the town by the State. It appears from the above report, therefore, that the town has expended the sum of \$63.61, for the year 1878, over and above all receipts from the fisheries during the same period. Of the total sum expended by Mr. Leonard, about \$140 was paid for property now on hand, and which can be used hereafter.

It is to be regretted, of course, that the fishing has not resulted in a profit to the town ; but there are some explanations which should be made. It should be borne in mind that this is the first time that the fish have been taken since the year 1818, a period of sixty years. During all this time the fish have been wholly excluded from our streams, and would never have been brought back again but for the patient efforts of the towns in stocking the rivers by the artificial process explained in previous reports. It could not reasonably be expected that in five years the fisheries could be restored to their former condition, and that, too, after a period of sixty years' total abandonment. All similar experiments have shown that the fish gradually increase in number, and there is no reason to doubt that the same result will attend our experiment. In this connection we will cite one or two cases (there are many others), as shown by

the report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries for the year 1878.

Mr. Nathan Doane leased of the town of Harwich, Mass., in 1869, a brook for ten years. The fish were compelled, as here, to pass over one or more ways, and at the time of taking the lease the fisheries were almost valueless. By careful stocking and prudent fishing he attained this result: In the year 1869 his catch was 312 barrels. During each year it gradually increased, till, in 1878, he captured 1,570 barrels. Another notable instance is that of Merrimac River. By the erection of dams at Lawrence and other places on the stream, the alewives, shad and salmon were for many years excluded from the river. Some years since the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire combined in re-stocking this stream with these fish, by the same process which we have employed, and the alewives, shad and salmon, in large numbers, have been brought back into the stream. To show that the experiment has been attended with greater difficulties than exist in our case, it is but just to say that at Lawrence alone the fish are compelled to climb a long way, that surmounts a dam twenty-eight feet high, and is "withal one of the most difficult passes known." Last year salmon weighing from eighteen to twenty pounds and large numbers of shad and alewives, successfully passed over this dam, and found their way thence into the Pemigewasset River, New Hampshire, and from

thence into the far-famed Franconia Notch, in which the last-named river rises.

Other reasons why our fishing last year was not more profitable, are these : The season was late, the river-bed had not been suitably prepared for seining, which resulted in great delays, the seine often catching in roots and stumps, and requiring sometimes an hour's labor to disentangle it ; soon after the fishing began there were heavy falls of rain, causing the river to rise to such an extent as to prevent work for several days at a time ; the difficulty of obtaining a suitable person to manage the boat ; and, lastly, a painful accident which resulted in the drowning of one of the fishermen. One of the most serious of these hindrances has been removed, by clearing the bottom of the river of all obstructions. It is the belief of your Committee that the fisheries will eventually prove profitable, and they recommend that no efforts be spared to foster and protect the valuable interests once lost but now being slowly regained.

Your Committee have made no charges for their personal services for the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. OSBORNE.

SAMUEL KEITH.

SIMEON C. KEITH.

TOWN MEETING.

Copy of the Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, to be held March 10, 1879, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the Reports of Town Officers.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ARTICLE 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges.

ARTICLE 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To act on a list of persons proposed by the Selectmen to serve as jurors.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will build a stable on the Town Farm.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money, not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, for the purpose of building a wall on the easterly side of the East Primary School Lot, from the cemetery line to the top of the hill, and to grade said lot after the wall shall have been built.

ARTICLE 12. To see what action the Town will take in respect to compliance with chapter 234 of the Acts of the Legislature of the session of 1878, being "An Act relating to the distribution of the annual income of the School Fund, and to provide for Reports by School Committees."

R E P O R T

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR 1878-79.



SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of East Bridgewater:

The School Committee submit their Annual Report, as follows :—

The population of the town as returned to the State,	
A. D. 1875, is	2,808
The number of children belonging in the town between	
five and fifteen years of age, May 1, 1878, . . .	449
Increase compared with last report,	11
Number between five and nine,	170
Decrease,	21
Number between nine and thirteen,	180
Increase,	12
Number between thirteen and fifteen,	99
Increase,	20
Number (approximate) between five and fifteen at-	
tending school,*	476
Increase (approximate),	17
Number over fifteen,	44
Decrease,	21
Number under four,	8
Decrease,	5
Whole number attending school, (approximate),*	528
Decrease,	9

* This number includes those attending from West Bridgewater.

The members of the School Committee in the order of their election are,—

Martin P. McLauthlin.

Clarence A. Chandler.

Frederic S. Strong.

L. Watts Richards.

Daniel W. Richardson.

At the annual organization of the Board, following the annual election of town officers,—

Martin P. McLauthlin was elected chairman, Clarence A. Chandler secretary, and L. Watts Richards was re-elected treasurer.

The chairman and secretary, together with Mr. Richardson, were chosen a sub-committee for the examination of teachers, and for the supervision of the schools. The several schools were assigned as follows to their separate charge:—

The High School,

Central Grammar,

Beaver Grammar,

Beaver Primary,

West Primary, to the Chairman.

The Satucket,

Curtisville,

North Primary,

East Primary, to the Secretary.

The Elmwood Grammar,
 Elmwood Primary,
 Northville,
 Eastville, to Mr. Richardson.

The secretary, and Mr. Richardson, were associated with the chairman in the visitation of the High School.

Messrs. Strong and Richards were chosen a sub-committee to whom were committed the expenditures upon school property.

The several schools are under the following corps of teachers: —

HIGH SCHOOL,	.	.	{ Wyman C. Fickett, Principal.
		.	{ Miss Jenny E. Chandler, Assistant.
CENTRAL GRAMMAR,	.	.	{ Edmund W. Nutter, Principal.
		.	{ Miss Lucia A. Millet, Assistant.
BEAVER GRAMMAR,	.	.	Miss Clara S. Vincent.
ELMWOOD GRAMMAR,	.	.	Miss Hattie A. Holbrook.
NORTHVILLE,	.	.	Miss Fannie M. Gurney.
EASTVILLE,	.	.	Miss Lura Whitmarsh.
CURTISVILLE,	.	.	Miss Ellen M. Buttomer.
SATUCKET,	.	.	Miss M. Jennie Whitman.
BEAVER PRIMARY,	.	.	Miss Lucy A. Kingman.
ELMWOOD PRIMARY,	.	.	Miss Sallie Washburn.
NORTH PRIMARY,	.	.	Mrs. Susan B. Dunphe.
EAST PRIMARY,	.	.	Miss Hulda M. Kingman.
WEST PRIMARY,	.	.	Miss Lucy H. Keith.

Miss Mary F. Thompson, appointed for the spring term at the Eastville School, teaching only a part of the

term, Mr. Edwin Poole concluded the school. Mr. Poole failing of reappointment, Miss Lura Whitmarsh became the teacher at the commencement of the autumn term.

Miss Hattie E. Mason, of the Beaver Grammar, resigning early in the spring term, was succeeded by Miss Vincent.

Miss Martha H. Wiggin, declining acceptance of reappointment to the Central Grammar, at the commencement of the school year, Mr. Edmund W. Nutter, the present principal, succeeded her.

At the beginning of the autumn term, Mrs. Susan B. Dunphe succeeded Miss Alice C. Newhall, at the North Primary; Miss M. Jennie Whitman became Mrs. Dunphe's successor at the Satucket School, and Miss Lucy A. Kingman succeeded Miss Clara M. Greenough at the Beaver Primary. Miss Grace T. Swallow commenced the autumn term of the Elmwood Primary, and was followed in the same term, successively, by Miss Annie J. Howe, and Miss Lora G. Kingman. The winter term is taught by Miss Sallie C. Washburn.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

These schools, under the charge, for the most part, of graduates of the High School, have well maintained their usual prosperity.

The more natural method of teaching reading, — the word, or synthetic system, — is steadily supplanting the

alphabet or analytic method, which latter has obtained for so many generations. The only argument in favor of the latter is, that "what is old is valuable, while what is new remains to be tested." The child's first knowledge of an external object is as a whole. The doll, the top, he recognizes in their wholeness, rather than by first taking note of the parts that enter into and constitute, by their arrangement and combination, the unity of each of these objects.

Letters are but broken off bits of pictures—the alphabet growing out of the old pictorial, or hieroglyphic mode of writing. Hence the earliest written signs denoted concrete objects. The child recognizing an object in its wholeness, intuitively, in like manner, recognizes its picture. Here, at this point, we have been wont to forbid the child the further process of analogy, requiring him now, as the next step, to learn the parts, whose manifold combinations constitute the whole; then, putting these parts together, to require him to give the word arising from their combination. The word system, on the contrary, in the harmony of its method, forbids anomaly, and teaching the word in its oneness makes it, at once, the symbol or conventional representative of the object, and thus we have in normal order, the doll, the top, the picture doll, the picture top, the word doll and the word top—a logical series, and one in accordance with the natural development of the mental faculties of the learner.

Take care of the words, and, as Benjamin Franklin said in his aphorism of the dollars and cents, the letters will take care of themselves.

The uniform verdict of our teachers, intelligently using the word system is, that it makes the more ready and, at the same time, the more correct reader.

The introduction of Fish's series of Arithmetics has brought written arithmetic into the Primary School,—this series associating written with oral work. Eaton's series, in their course of separate oral and written work, have been a detriment to the best success of our schools.

Scholars will now come into the Grammar School, having a familiar acquaintance with the elementary work of written, as well as of oral arithmetic.

Language lessons, under object instruction, have been brought before the attention of these schools, resulting in the production of quite interesting language pictures, and thus primary pupils have, ere they were aware, found themselves expressing their thoughts in written words.

The Primary School—a late product in our educational system,—has become, under a concrete method of teaching (and an abstract system should have no place in the Primary School, strictly so called), an attractive field of instruction, and one in which the teacher well qualified for her work, cannot fail to find constant satisfaction.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The course of study in these schools has been materially modified since the last annual report. Hitherto the study, during the first year, has been a review, for the most part, of the last year in the Primary. This gave the Grammar course a cast of monotony not readily dispelled, and which wrought a prejudice to the best progress of the school.

The modification referred to completes Primary work and its text-books in the Primary School, and the change to new text-books imparts newness to study and invites to fresh effort. This change, owing to Miss Mary Hall's "Our World No. 2," being too advanced for scholars just entering the Grammar School, led to the re-introduction of "Warren's Common School Geography," the latter having remained in use in part of the schools. "Our World No. 2" will, therefore, be only pursued by its present classes. This action will allow the Grammar School to complete, in its course, the study of political geography.

Swinton's new series of "Language Lessons" supplants, as new classes are formed, his old series; his more recent work being superior in the arrangement of its subjects and in the general unity of its character. The new work is also furnished with a copious index, an indispensable accompaniment to every valuable book.

"Swinton's Word-Book" has also been placed upon

the desks of the several teachers. This book possesses the practical merit of placing before the pupil most of the words used in common life; for example, such as apply to articles of household use, to animal and vegetable life, to the various trades and avocations; and, in brief, contains, to use its author's words, "the actual vocabulary used in speaking and writing." Indeed, in ordinary conversation, we only employ some three to five thousand words, while our best writers hardly use more than twice this number.

Penmanship, a matter of prime importance, has received increased attention. The Grammar period is the formative period of the hand, and while good reading is important, writing should receive equal, if not greater attention. A clear, legible hand is an indispensable acquirement in the economy of the present day. A good penman will be reasonably sure of being a good reader; writing in itself involving a more or less extended knowledge of words.

English composition is also receiving attention, and that Grammar course is incomplete, that does not enable the scholar to acquire a reasonable degree of facility in the written expression of thought. The Grammar School, in the province of its scope, should meet the educational needs of ordinary life, and among these needs reading and writing are of prime importance.

Blank printed forms, suitably devised and prepared by the Secretary, for the use of the teachers, enable

them monthly to make a uniform system of returns to the Committee; the same showing the progress made in the text-books of the different classes of the Grammar School, and in the first of the Primary for the period, and at the same time representing the rank of each scholar of the above classes, besides returning other points of importance. Further, these returns, from their containing the names and ages of all scholars attending school below the High School will be of service through comparison with the annual May census, in ascertaining the names of those who, being between five and fifteen years of age, failed to attend school at any time during the year,—a matter of much importance, and one imposed by statute upon the Committee.

MIXED SCHOOLS.

These schools possessing a combined Grammar and Primary organization, an attempt has been made, since the last report, to divide them into two separate and independent departments, thus making them, so far as convenience would allow, parallel in their course of study with the other schools of the above grades. To what extent such a division can be maintained, remains to be determined. Under this system, the annual promotions would occur, under the Committee, in like manner as in the other schools. The mixed schools would thus possess, so far as possible, all the advan-

tages enjoyed by the separate schools, although the two departments, the Grammar and the Primary, would remain as now, under the same teacher and in the same room.

The object is to reduce the number of classes, and thus to give greater time to each class, and to make the progress of the classes uniform with the like classes in the separate schools.

HIGH SCHOOL.

This school, in the eighth year of the instruction of its present principal, and the second of its present assistant, graduated, at the close of the last school year, a class of twelve members, whose names are the following:—

Classical Course:

James Willard Cooper.
 Albert Leach.
 Sadie Lilly Bottomer.
 Harriet Emeline Edson.
 Lora Gertrude Kingman.
 Edward Lawrence Churchill.
 John Edward Waterman.
 Alice May Burrell.
 Mary Eliza Fuller.
 Lucy Ann Kingman.
 Lottie Louise Voigt.

English Course:

Edward Elsworth Wright.

The graduating exercises occurred in the Town Hall, Friday, the twenty-eighth day of June, and while all the essays reflected credit both upon the authors and their instructors, several of them evinced superior ability.

The presentation of diplomas was followed by appropriate addresses from the Hon. J. W. Dickinson, Secretary of the Board of Education, A. G. Boyden, Esq., principal of the State Normal School at Bridgewater, and by the Hon. B. W. Harris.

The close attention the large audience bestowed upon the exercises of the occasion, denoted the active interest of the people in matters of educational importance.

On the occurrence of the annual examination for promotion to this school, ten of the twenty-one candidates who presented themselves, met the requirements of the Committee and constitute the junior class.

The advantages arising from the closer grading of the lower schools are already apparent in the better qualifications which the present junior class exhibit for their work. Admission of scholars to the High School, wanting proficiency in the elementary studies, is detrimental to the best progress of all the schools. The High School was established for the purpose of the higher education of the people, and that without impairing the energies of the lower schools; hence the lower schools and the High School are entitled to the

full exercise of their respective prerogatives. In this manner, and in this manner only, are the three several grades of schools able to command the highest respect of the community. The High School, in its best estate, incites the lower schools to higher effort, affording them the goal of pursuit.

Among the noticeable features of our High School, are the scholarly bearing and propriety of demeanor of its students, an evidence of thoughtful interest in and of application to the work of the school, as well as of confidence in the efficiency of their instructors.

DRAWING.

This study, recently introduced into the schools, gave at one time little prospect of success, the majority of the teachers not only wanting experience in teaching it, but also a familiar acquaintance with the art. The teachers, however, directing their attention to the subject, drawing is now promising a healthful growth.

The study, indeed, has apparently passed its doubtful period, and the interest which its advantages are awakening, gives it the assurance of that prosperity which its practical usefulness and importance demand. Whatever contributes to the industrial interests of a people contributes to their better well-being and happiness. If, as some stoutly maintain, machinery in its multiplied applications is narrowing the opportunities of manual labor, the avenues of industry must become more diver-

sified, its resources more extended. Aspiration must reach to the more abstruse and elaborate in workmanship, as well as to the more ordinary. J. Scott Russell, * in his "Systematic Technical Education of the English People," says: "It is not enough that the workman thoroughly masters the form which his work shall take; he must also be able to draw what we have called the three plans of his work on paper. This may be considered an unnecessary piece of skill for the man who has only to do the particular work assigned to him, and of which, probably, a perfect pattern is put before his eyes to guide him. But the mere seeing of his pattern is not adequate to superior execution. Every bit of work which one man does has to fit into some other bit of work of some other man's doing. In work there are degrees—perfect fit, and misfit of all grades. To make his work fit other people's, a man must know, not merely his own, but that of all about him.

"Each man should therefore understand the plans of the complete work on which he and his fellows are engaged, in order to work well to the others' hand.

"The only way to get this thorough understanding of plans, is to have learned to draw them one's self. Complete plan-drawing, applied to his own business, is, therefore, essential to a good workman."

While it is not the purpose of our Common Schools

* Stetson — Technical Education.

to impart technical instruction in drawing, the elementary instruction on which technical work rests can be taught, and that to such an extent as to be of much practical advantage in the ordinary pursuits of industry, and our schools, in this respect, have already made decided progress.

TEACHERS.

Teaching is an art, and the teacher that is able to teach the pupil to teach himself is an artist in teaching. On account of the imitative nature of the pupil, and his susceptibility to impressions, the teacher must expect him to exhibit the same qualities of character that he sees daily manifested in the life of the teacher.

The prosperity which our schools are enjoying, entitles their efficient and faithful teachers to the encouragement and respect both of parents and of all the friends of education.

TRUANCY.

At the annual Town Meeting, the question will probably be considered respecting the enactment of by-laws to meet compliance with the laws of the State, regarding truancy. These laws are a necessity for the better protection of the interests of our schools; truancy and its evils prevailing to some extent.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

This is in reasonable condition. Within the year the

East Primary building has been painted externally. The roofs of the North Primary, and of the West Primary houses, have been newly shingled, while a new fence has been built upon the westerly side of the premises of the latter, and a new pump, through arrangements with Deacon Harlow, has been put into his well, for the benefit of the West Primary School.

A well is much needed on the premises of the Beaver Schools, and one is likewise needed on the premises of the Elmwood Schools.

ESTIMATES.

In their estimates for the ensuing year the Committee recommend the raising, for school purposes, the following sums:—

Schools,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$5,000 00
Incidentals,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	300 00
Repairs,	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	360 00

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN P. McLAUTHLIN,
CLARENCE A. CHANDLER,
FREDERIC S. STRONG,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
DANIEL W. RICHARDSON,

School Committee.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NUMBER OF PUPILS.			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.			PERCENTAGE OF AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.				No. under five years of age.	No. over fifteen years of age.	LENGTH OF SCHOOL IN WEEKS.			Length of School during the Year in Weeks.
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	For Year.									
							Summer.	Fall.	Winter.							
High School, . . .	62	58	58	60	56	51	.97	.97	.88	.94	1	38	13	13	14	40
Central Grammar, . .	62	81	74	56	75	64	.90	.93	.87	.90	1	3	12	12	11	35
Beaver Grammar, . .	26	35	30	22	31	26	.85	.88	.86	.86	1	1	12	12	11	35
Elmwood Grammar, . .	18	25	24	17	23	20	.97	.92	.83	.90	1	1	12	12	11	35
Northville, . . .	22	22	20	19	20	17	.90	.90	.85	.88	3	1	12	12	11	35
Eastville, . . .	18	16	20	15	15	17	.83	.93	.85	.87	1	1	12	12	11	35
Curtisville, . . .	21	18	16	17	17	13	.84	.95	.83	.81	1	1	12	12	11	35
Satucket, . . .	21	22	18	19	20	16	.89	.92	.89	.90	1	1	12	12	11	35
Beaver Primary, . .	41	35	30	38	31	24	.95	.90	.80	.88	2	1	12	12	11	35
Elmwood Primary, . .	40	29	21	35	24	16	.87	.82	.74	.81	1	1	12	11	12	35
North Primary, . .	57	39	28	50	33	20	.87	.86	.72	.82	1	1	12	12	11	35
East Primary, . . .	47	44	37	41	37	28	.87	.88	.77	.82	2	1	12	12	11	35
West Primary, . . .	55	51	47	49	44	37	.90	.87	.86	.86	1	1	12	12	11	35

Prevailing illness during a part of the winter term reduced the average attendance in several of the schools.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For schools,	\$4,750 00
school incidentals,	300 00
repairs on houses,	350 00
town of West Bridgewater,	133 65
State Treasurer,	199 07
County Treasurer,	160 92
Dividends from insurance company,	9 00
J. H. Vosmus, lumber,	2 59
cash for book,	60
	<hr/> \$5,905 83

FUEL AND PREPARING.

Paid E. A. Porter,	\$5 25
G. T. Swallow,	1 50
M. P. Perkins,	6 00
Edward Porter,	5 25
Bosworth Brothers,	128 75
John Hobart,	87 00
Enoch Freeman,	12 00
Lucius Harding,	2 00
Isaac Lincoln,	24 00
G. W. Harden,	4 00
E. S. Davenport,	8 75
Total,	<hr/> \$284 50

TEACHING

Paid W. C. Fickett,	\$1,100 00
Jenny E. Chandler,	400 00
Martha H. Wiggin,	132 00
E. W. Nutter,	230 00
Lucia A. Millett,	257 00
H. E. Mason,	18 00
Clara S. Vincent,	274 00
C. M. Greenough,	84 00
Lucy A. Kingman,	138 00
Hattie A. Holbrook,	257 00
Grace T. Swallow,	86 40
Annie J. Howe,	9 60
Lora G. Kingman,	42 00
Sallie C. Washburn,	72 00
Fanny M. Gurney,	245 00
Mary F. Thompson,	21 00
Edwin Poole,	63 00
Lura Whitmarsh,	161 00
Ellen M. Buttomer,	245 00
S. B. Dunphe,	96 00
M. Jennie Whitman,	161 00
Alice C. Newhall,	84 00
S. B. Dunphe,	161 00
Huldah M. Kingman,	245 00
Lucy H. Keith,	245 00
Total,	————— \$4,827 00

CARE OF HOUSES.

Paid Mrs. McGuire,	\$7 00
John M. Richards,	3 00
Mrs. I. T. Hatch,	3 00
Fred. E. Fuller,	9 50
Willie Luddy,	1 00
Mary E. Feeney,	2 06
Clara S. Vincent,	4 50
Knapp & Scribner,	6 00
S. B. Dunphe,	9 00
Fanny M. Gurney,	6 00
Mrs. J. Nute,	9 20
W. A. Porter,	2 75
Ellen M. Buttomer,	9 00
Frank Winn,	3 00
Mrs. Barrett,	43 50
C. A. Morey,	3 00
Mary A. Fisher,	50
Mrs. George Sandridge,	6 37
Scribner & Kingman,	12 00
Kingman & Scribner,	4 00
Mrs. C. R. Pratt,	3 00
Hattie Whitman,	6 00
H. W. Osborne,	1 00
Lura Whitmarsh,	6 00
M. J. Whitman,	3 00
L. Williams,	1 00
Celia W. Gurney,	2 00

Amount carried forward,

 \$166 38

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$166 38	
Paid Lucy A. Kingman,	.	.	.	6 00	
F. F. Nute,	.	.	.	3 00	
J. O. Brien,	.	.	.	1 00	
W. C. Fickett,	.	.	.	35 00	
E. W. Thrasher,	.	.	.	3 00	
Willie B. Chamberlain,	.	.	.	3 00	
Walter Whitman,	.	.	.	1 50	
Total,	.	.	.	—————	\$218 88

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Rand, Avery & Co.,	.	.	.	\$2 50	
A. G. Whitcomb,	.	.	.	10 34	
Thomas Groom & Co.,	.	.	.	2 25	
Francis E. Appleton,	.	.	.	19 50	
E. S. Whitmarsh,	.	.	.	12 00	
W. C. Fickett,	.	.	.	3 35	
W. S. Washburn,	.	.	.	5 00	
A. J. Wright,	.	.	.	1 25	
John Waterman,	.	.	.	2 50	
J. Burrell,	.	.	.	20 50	
J. H. Potter,	.	.	.	1 00	
J. L. Hammett,	.	.	.	64 65	
J. W. Chamberlain,	.	.	.	16 25	
I. N. Nutter,	.	.	.	45 33	
Alger & Co., express,	.	.	.	5 85	
Gammons & Nutter,	.	.	.	14 89	
Lee & Shepard,	.	.	.	67	
L. W. Richards, music,	.	.	.	25 00	
A. Griffin,	.	.	.	3 00	
W. C. Fickett,	.	.	.	2 40	
Total,	.	.	.	—————	\$258 23

REPAIRS.

Paid John H. Vosmus,	\$50 18
Isadus Fuller,	3 75
Manly Whitman,	1 25
Freeman Cushman,	2 25
R. T. Brett,	15 19
D. W. Gorman,	19 50
S. R. Newhall,	12 29
Ezra T. Sampson,	1 00
E. P. Reed & Co.,	88 05
E. Hayward,	2 00
Levi Boles & Son,	2 00
E. T. Fuller,	3 86
J. G. Knapp,	3 80
Gammons & Nutter,	47 52
M. S. Curtis,	29 50
C. C. Gin Co.,	20 78
Total,	<hr/> \$302 92

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available,	\$5,905 83
Paid for teaching,	\$4,827 00
fuel and preparing,	284 50
care of houses,	218 88
incidental expenses,	258 23
repairs,	302 92
Unexpended,	14 30
	<hr/> \$5,905 83

L. W. RICHARDS,

Treasurer of School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS., February, 1879.

REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1880.

ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 8, 1880.

BOSTON:

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1880.

TOWN OFFICERS, EAST BRIDGEWATER, 1879.

Town Clerk.
FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.
ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.
JOSHUA DEAN. EZRA KINGMAN CHARLES H. GOSS.

School Committee.
E. W. NUTTER. F. S. STRONG. L. W. RICHARDS. R. O. HARRIS.

Auditors.
GEORGE ALLEN. R. O. HARRIS.

Constables.
W. M. JUDKINS. JOHN H. SCRIBNER. E. C. BENNETT.
T. S. H. ROUNSEVILLE.

Field Drivers.
H. C. MACAULY. ELIAB WHITMAN.

Pound Keeper.
MELVIN CROOKER.

Surveyors of Highways.

DISTRICT No. 1.	W. M. JUDKINS.	DISTRICT No. 6.	ELIAB LATHAM.
" No. 2.	EZRA F. SAMPSON.	" No. 7.	MARK P. HUDSON.
" No. 3.	ISAAC BROWN.	" No. 8.	JOTHAM HICKS.
" No. 4.	MELVIN CROOKER.	" No. 9.	FRANCIS HAYWARD.
" No. 5.	ELEAZER WHITMAN.	" No. 10.	CALEB GOSS.

Fence Viewers.
SAMUEL KEITH. GALEN WILLIS. HENRY GURNEY.
ALLEN WASHBURN.

Weighers of Coal.
K. E. SHELDON. JOHN E. WATERMAN.

Wood Measurers.
J. E. WATERMAN. JOHN REED.

Measurers of Lumber.
CHARLES H. GOSS. LUTHER CHURCHILL, JUN. HENRY GURNEY.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.
H. A. GROW.

Sexton.
M. L. WEBBER.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding orders drawn by school committee	\$1,124 65
Outstanding orders drawn by selectmen	280 93
Due the town of Scituate for aid to the family of Leander Osborne	82 50
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	\$1,488 08

ASSETS.

Amount due from Commonwealth for State aid, 1879,	\$974 50
Amount allowed and due from Commonwealth for State aid, 1878	58 00
Amount due from Commonwealth for military aid, 1879	154 00
Bills due in hands of Superintendent of Almshouse,	21 00
Amount paid for board of Hannah Dunn in Taunton Lunatic Hospital, and expenses to Jan. 1, 1879, and secured by the purchase of Jeremiah Dunn's estate	485 18
Cash in treasury	675 31
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	\$2,367 99
Balance in favor of the town	879 91

STATE AID.

Paid from Feb. 1, 1879, to Feb. 1, 1880.

Harriet Eddy	\$48 00
Sarah B. Gould	48 00
Sarah C. Hudson	48 00
Betsey A. Hale	48 00
Mary Hudson	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter	48 00
Mary S. Ripley	48 00
Lydia A. Sylvester	48 00
Thankful O. Trow	48 00
Eunice S. Bryant	48 00
Eldridge Winsor	72 00
Charles L. Jones	72 00
Edmund W. Nutter	72 00
Sophronia Carter	48 00
Lydia A. Hale	48 00
Jane Leonard	48 00
Perez Williams	68 00
Barzillia F. Ellis	27 00
Harriet Vosmus	8 00
Thomas H. Cook	31 50
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	\$974 50

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS WHO SERVED ON THE QUOTA
OF EAST BRIDGEWATER IN THE LATE WAR.

Joseph M. Whitman of East Bridgewater	\$58 00
William Shaw of East Bridgewater	64 00
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$122 00</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$122 00
Josiah E. Reynolds of East Bridgewater	96 00
Charles D. Hatch of Natick	66 00
Ferender C. Negus of Fall River	24 00
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	\$308 00

One-half this amount to be refunded by the State.

INCIDENTALS.

E. Latham, repairs on road, 1878	\$4 00
Spencer Leonard, fish committee	8 25
South Abington referees' bill	7 50
Albert J. Wright, printing report	87 30
Walter L. Benson, use of team to E. Kingman	8 25
Hosea Kingman, services in Dunn suit	30 60
W. H. Osborne, services Edson and Curran cases	28 25
E. Kingman, fares and stationery	15 50
E. Kingman, expense to Needham	3 00
W. L. Benson, use of team, taking valuation	11 50
E. W. Nutter, for team for committee	1 75
B. Everson, sawing boards	3 47
George H. Walker, map of county	12 00
Samuel Gurney, expense widening street, 1878	5 00
B. W. Keith, insurance,	62 50
B. W. Keith, postal cards	10 25
L. W. Richards, team to E. Kingman	3 37
E. F. Sampson, cutting bushes	1 25
Rogers & Sheldon, cinders	25 00
Lewis Delano, labor on new road	1 00
I. N. Nutter, stationery	1 80
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$331 54

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$331 54
A. T. Jones, printing	6 50
Joshua Dean, fares and stationery	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 80
W. M. Judkins, gravel	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 83
Walter Benson, use of team	4 50
E. L. Clark, labor on road	2 50
Abatement of taxes	203 69
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							\$567 36

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Amount of appropriation	\$2,000 00
Amount expended	1,977 08

DISTRICT No. 1.

ELEAZER WHITMAN, *Surveyor*.

Amount of appropriation	.	.	.	.	.	\$200 00
Paid Eleazer Whitman	.	.	.	.	.	\$34 60
Henry Gurney	.	.	.	.	.	28 96
David W. Gurney	.	.	.	.	.	14 98
George R. Dyer	.	.	.	.	.	12 58
V. H. Whitman	.	.	.	.	.	12 30
William Edson	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
A. C. Edson	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Thomas Cummings	.	.	.	.	.	3 60
James W. Cooper	.	.	.	.	.	75
Charles R. Beals	5 37
Charles W. Siddall	6 87
Owen Maguire	1 95
Zenas Sturtevant	8 20
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$133 16

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	.	.	\$133 16	
Paid Patrick Carroll	.	.	2 58	
David Roach	.	.	10 75	
John Cook	.	.	1 50	
Frank Dumas	.	.	6 44	
James Brown	.	.	30 75	
Eliab Whitman	.	.	11 49	
H. Byram	.	.	1 00	
Joseph Ham (clay)	.	.	1 35	
William Reed	.	.	1 25	
Asa Whitman (gravel)	.	.	1 95	
W. P. Corthell (gravel)	.	.	3 75	
J. E. Noyes (gravel)	.	.	2 87	
Frank Freeman	.	.	56	
David Standish	.	.	3 44	
			<hr/>	\$212 84
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				\$12 84

The excess (\$12.84) a gratuity by James Brown.

DISTRICT No. 2.

WILLIAM M. JUDKINS, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation	.	.	.	.	\$200 00
Paid Patrick Quigley	.	.	.	.	\$15 75
James McLane	.	.	.	.	19 43
David Roach	23 90
Owen Maguire	1 87
John Cook	25 43
Patrick Carroll	7 50
Roger Carr	4 37
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<i>Amount carried forward.</i>	\$98 25

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	.	.	\$98 25	
Paid M. Gorman	.	.	3 75	
Roger Carr	.	.	1 87	
David Roach	.	.	1 25	
C. W. Barrows	.	.	10 25	
Herbert Edson	.	.	5 25	
Frank Sturtevant	.	.	2 37	
Patrick Quigley	.	.	5 62	
E. F. Sampson	.	.	4 38	
G. W. Harden	.	.	22 75	
W. M. Judkins	.	.	68 52	
			<hr/>	\$224 26
Overworked but not allowed	.	.	.	24 26

DISTRICT No. 3.

ISAAC BROWN, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation	.	.	.	.	\$200 00
Paid C. H. Baldwin	.	.	-	.	\$47 50
M. Wilder	.	.	.	.	11 90
I. B. Brown	.	.	.	.	10 00
W. Harden	.	.	.	.	19 50
J. E. Bisbee	.	.	.	.	11 50
David Pratt	.	.	.	.	13 00
W. Harden	.	.	.	.	8 25
N. W. French	.	.	.	.	11 30
J. D. Thurlow	.	.	.	.	15 95
Jason Harden	.	.	.	.	3 00
Isaac Brown	.	.	.	.	43 10
J. E. Bisbee	.	.	.	.	5 00
				<hr/>	\$200 00

DISTRICT No. 4.

MELVIN CROOKER, *Surveyor*.

Amount of appropriation	\$200 00
Paid B. H. Fisher	\$4 50
George Jenkins	8 50
Charles Raymond	39 75
Melvin Crooker	123 75
Thomas Horton	4 05
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	\$180 55
Unexpended	19 45
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	\$200 00

DISTRICT No. 5.

EZRA F. SAMPSON, *Surveyor*.

Amount of appropriation	\$200 00
Paid George W. Harden	\$64 13
Allen Washburn	53 48
Joshua Sturtevant	26 00
C. H. Brown, 196 yards gravel	6 50
Luther Harden	6 75
Cyrus Munroe	1 00
E. S. Keith, (gravel)	3 30
N. Wade	80
George Jenkins	50
E. F. Sampson	29 37
C. H. Brown, gravel	77
E. F. Sampson	7 40
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	\$200 00

DISTRICT No. 6.

ELIAB LATHAM, *Surveyor*.

Amount of appropriation	\$200 00
Paid Eliab Latham	\$82 88
James McLane	9 45
David Roach	9 45
Dan Gary	6 25
Charles A. Latham	13 69
William Green	2 50
Charles Brown	2 50
James W. Latham	23 75
R. C. Keith	3 93
B. W. Ward	1 25
Freedom Keith	37
William Shaw	15 00
Nathaniel Perkins	4 00
William Hathaway	1 00
William A. Bradman	5 00
George Chamberlain	5 00
Galen Latham	12 60
John Donnelly	2 50
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	\$201 12
Overworked but not allowed	<hr/> 1 12

DISTRICT No. 7.

MARK P. HUDSON, *Surveyor*.

Amount of appropriation	\$200 00
Paid Mark P. Hudson	\$60 59
James R. Hudson	32 05
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$92 64

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$92 64
Paid Walter L. Benson	.	.	.	12 25
John Geary	.	.	.	1 00
Levi W. Noyes	.	.	.	16 80
W. K. Churchill	.	.	.	50
Charles L. Atwood	.	.	.	1 87
E. Davenport	.	.	.	5 55
George E. Hayward	.	.	.	2 81
E. Hayward	.	.	.	2 50
Robert McNeeland	.	.	.	4 00
S. D. Reed	.	.	.	4 88
Melvin Crooker	.	.	.	7 75
Daman Hoyt	.	.	.	1 00
George Hudson	.	.	.	1 00
Charles Bleuger	.	.	.	2 50
Edward Kingman	.	.	.	2 50
James Lynch	.	.	.	10 00
E. Davenport	.	.	.	3 00
N. M. Keen	.	.	.	5 00
C. S. Leonard	.	.	.	1 00
Albert Tilden	.	.	.	75
Charles Bleuger	.	.	.	3 75
John V. Trimble	.	.	.	4 75
Lewis Hayward	.	.	.	1 20
H. W. White	.	.	.	5 25
W. L. Benson	.	.	.	5 75

 \$200 00

DISTRICT No 8.

JOTHAM HICKS, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation	\$200 00
Paid E. L. Clark	\$66 94
Patrick Drieslane	48 13
David Roach	23 85
John Cook	3 37
James McLane	3 75
Merritt Jenkins	2 25
Freeman Cushman	70
Nathaniel Southworth	22 89
Patrick Birmingham	5 25
Reuben Bates	2 00
Daniel Geary	6 15
Joseph Ham	11 25
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	\$196 53
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Unexpended balance	3 47

HIGHWAY DISTRICT No. 9.

FRANCIS HAYWARD, *Surveyor.*

Amount of appropriation	\$200 00
Paid Francis Hayward	\$90 96
H. Keith (gravel)	5 64
W. Hayward	50 89
W. E. Whitman	30 15
J. Mahoney	10 50
R. A. Littlefield	9 53
George F. Hayward	2 33
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	\$200 00

HIGHWAY DISTRICT No. 10.

CALEB GOSS, *Surveyor*.

Amount of appropriation	\$200 00
Paid Henry Gurney	\$14 13
M. Crooker	6 76
E. Tisdale	13 13
N. Richardson	7 50
F. C. Freeman	16 88
C. H. Goss	1 50
D. Roach	25 50
W. Hayward	2 50
W. Whitman	1 50
J. Mahoney	8 75
Rufus Littlefield	16 07
Samuel White	2 88
G. Lombard	12 98
Galen Willis	11 49
Henry Copeland	4 00
Caleb Goss , , , ,	54 43
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	\$200 00

SNOW.

The following sums have been paid for removing snow:—

M. P. Hudson, surveyor	\$5 50
Eliab Latham, surveyor	12 90
Ezra F. Sampson, surveyor	27 70
George Harts and others	4 65
Stephen Harlow and others	16 40
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$67 15</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$67 15
Isaac Brown and others	3 80
B. H. Fisher	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 40
Henry Gurney	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 40
M. P. Hudson four bills	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 10
Charles H. Goss, two bills	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
D. W. Gorman	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 40
Walter L. Benson	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 25
M. V. West	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 40
Theodore Hobart	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 40
Samuel Smith	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 60
Charles Gaffney	2 60
Galen Latham	2 00
W. M. Judkins	4 25
Caleb Goss	6 00
William Keen	1 00
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							\$112 75

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS—LABOR AND STOCK.

Amount of appropriation	\$500 00
Charles F. Clark	.	.	.	.	.	\$5 25
Ezra F. Sampson	.	.	.	.	.	7 61
Eleazer Whitman	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
F. C. Mann	15 46
E. F. Sampson	14 00
H. J. Wheeler	4 50
D. Roach	6 00
Charles H. Goss	30 43
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$98 25

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$98 25
E. F. Sampson	.	.	.	7 85
Isaac Brown	.	.	.	30 40
Otis Bisbee	.	.	.	16 00
H. J. Wheeler	.	.	.	40 00
Carver Cotton Gin Co.	.	.	.	25 79
Edgar L. Clark	.	.	.	3 00
Otis Bisbee	.	.	.	15 25
Lysander Keith	.	.	.	33 00
Fred Ames	.	.	.	3 40
David S. Gurney	.	.	.	3 75
George B. Howland	.	.	.	16 25
E. L. Clark	.	.	.	14 45
Michael Feeney	.	.	.	1 80
Henry Gurney	.	.	.	2 76
E. P. Reed & Co.	.	.	.	102 22
Jotham Hicks	.	.	.	10 55
M. P. Hudson	.	.	.	16 36
Rogers & Sheldon	.	.	.	81 21
William M. Judkins	.	.	.	6 91

\$529 20

TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation to pay town officers	.	.	.	\$1,000 00
Paid George Beal, sexton	.	.	.	\$25 00
George Allen, auditor	.	.	.	15 00
E. Kingman, selectman	.	.	.	168 00
E. W. Nutter, school committee	.	.	.	11 50
Joshua Dean, selectman	.	.	.	42 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	.	\$261 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	\$261 50
R. O. Harris, school committee	.		25 00
E. W. Nutter, school committee	.		13 10
M. L. Webber	.	.	46 00
Robert O. Harris, school committee			78 11
F. Smith, town clerk	.	.	59 36
I. N. Nutter, treasurer	.	.	84 50
W. M. Judkins, constable	.	.	27 50
E. Kingman, selectman	.	.	16 00
Charles H. Goss	.	.	58 00
Joshua Dean	.	.	21 00
F. S. Strong, school committee	.		33 63
L. W. Richards, school committee	.		15 00
George H. Wheeler, collector	.		97 22
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			\$835 92

LIST OF PERSONS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN TO
SERVE AS JURORS FOR 1880.

George W. Allen.	Levi W. Noyes.
Charles H. Brown.	Martin P. McLauthlin.
James Brown.	David Pratt.
Wellington Caldwell.	Minot C. Shaw.
Warren K. Churchill.	George H. Wright.
Luther Churchill Jr.	Noah A. Washburn.
Henry Gurney.	Mark P. Hudson.
Samuel Gurney.	Jotham Hicks.
Abbott T. Hewitt.	Ezra F. Sampson.
George Harden.	Frank Smith.
Newton M. Keen.	Robert Young.

Zebina Keith, Jr.
 Marcus M. Keith
 Simeon C. Keith.
 Edward F. Field.
 Eliab Latham.
 Arthur Harris.
 Edmund W. Nutter.

Harris Latham.
 Benjamin Ward.
 Newton Churchill.
 John Hobart.
 Nathan Pool.
 George B. Howland.

JOSHUA DEAN,
 E. KINGMAN,
 CHAS. H. GOSS.

Selectmen of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION FOR 1879.

Real estate	\$941,628 00
Personal estate	254,256 00
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Total valuation	\$1,195,884 00
Number of polls	776
Rate of taxation098
State tax	\$385 00
County tax	1,502 00
Town appropriations	10,350 00
Town indebtedness	167 93
Overlay	478 73
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Committed	\$12,883 66
Subsequently assessed	39 48
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Total commitment	\$12,923 14

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1879.

Support of schools	\$5,000 00
Repairs of school property	500 00
Incidentals, school.	300 00
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<i>Amount carried forward.</i>	\$5,800 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$5,800 00
Repairs of highways	2,000 00
Bridges and culverts	.	.	.	.	500 00
Town officers	.	.	.	.	1,000 00
Incidentals	.	.	.	.	600 00
Decorating soldiers' graves	100 00
Insuring school property	200 00
Building wall	150 00
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					\$10,350 00

JOSHUA DEAN,
 EZRA KINGMAN,
 CHARLES H. GOSS,
Assessors.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

To inventory, Feb. 1, 1879	\$1,182 00
Thomas Horton's salary, two months	50 00
Melvin Crooker's salary, ten months	333 33
Dr. Millet, medical attendance	25 00
cash from treasury	830 20
	\$2,420 53

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By inventory, Feb. 1, 1880	\$1,453 20
cost of supporting poor	967 33
	\$2,420 53

Whole number of inmates during the year	13
Average number	10
Average cost per week for support	\$1.86

INMATES AT THE PRESENT TIME.

Amos Melen, Lysander Bourne, Calvin Eaton, Lewis Wright, Adeline H. Keene, George H. Savery, Lucina Mitchell, Mrs. Ellen Edson, and infant, Rita R. Edson, Edwin Ropes.

Ard Edson died Oct. 18, 1879.

AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Sarah Harlow's family, Brockton . . .	\$75 00
Catharine Quinn's family, Lowell . . .	19 00
Joan Allen	39 00
Sarah H. Randall, for board of Henry Sturte- vant's children	40 00
Joseph M. Whitman's family	16 77
H. B. Fisher's family	2 65
Dr. Millet, for medical attendance on Sturte- vant's children	8 00
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Nathan- iel Bouldry	196 73
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Hannah Dunn	181 33
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of J. E. Reynolds	134 85
Sybil P. Dunbar	52 00
Mrs. Fuller, care of Frank Byrant	5 00
Mrs. Dougan (coal)	9 50
Charles L. Atwood Hanson	8 05
Frank Gane, State pauper	52 00
Mrs. Keiff	15 00
Lucina Mitchell	13 00
F. C. Negus, Fall River	10 75
J. B. Conners' family, Lynn	7 50
Daniel Geary	1 75
Mrs. Feeny	6 50
J. E. Reynolds' funeral expenses	16 25
Frank Burns' family, Boston	14 00

 \$924 63

Received from town of Brockton . . .	\$75 00	
Received from town of Hanson . . .	8 05	
Due from State for military aid to J. E. Reynolds	48 00	
Received from State for aid to Frank Gane,	24 29	
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Actual cost of outside poor	\$769 29	

REPORT OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN.

TO THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR:—

Gentlemen:—Since my last report very little change has taken place in the inmates that were then in the almshouse, except what would be incident to increasing age, and the death of one of their number. Ard Edson died on the 14th of October, 1879, of old age. His last days were not attended with much suffering or any particular manifestations of disease. Of the six inmates remaining from last year, four, Eaton, Bourne, Mellen, Wright, are old men, enfeebled by age and its usual infirmities, but subject to no diseases that are likely to prove fatal. One, Savory, is hopelessly but harmlessly insane. And one, Mrs. Keene, is a confirmed epileptic, who will necessarily become more helpless and demented while she lives, and consequently will require more constant care and attention to prevent her from being injured by falls or otherwise.

Five inmates have been admitted the past year, and one has been born there. Of this number Miss Mitchell is almost entirely helpless from incurable disease, and is also partially insane, and must be regarded as an addition to our life members. Two more of those admitted this year, Mrs. Edson and her boy, came to the almshouse, not because of sickness, although the

boy is a cripple from a diseased bone of one thigh, but because she was abandoned by her husband when she was about to become the mother of another child. That child was born May 24, and is a handsome, healthy, and interesting female. The only other inmate admitted this year was John Carroll, who was picked up on the street on the morning of Feb. 24, in a drunken condition, with both feet frozen. He remained in the almshouse thirteen weeks (until his feet, from which he lost some toes, nearly healed); a large bill of expense to the town, and a good deal of trouble to the keeper of the house and his family. I would respectfully suggest that a more efficient police — employed by the town to take into custody *every* person who has become so lost to self-respect as to be drunk on the street or in any public place — would be a matter of economy.

I cannot close this report without a word in regard to the sanitary condition of the almshouse, which is not in all respects what it should be. The nearness of the barn-yard and hog-pens to the house, with a sink-drain constantly adding to the filth by discharging its contents into the barn-yard upon the surface, a few feet from the house, renders the premises any thing but agreeable or healthful. When we add to this a privy in a building adjoining the house, we have an arrangement by no means comfortable to the inmates or conducive to health. It cannot be for the interest of the town to allow the almshouse to remain in its present condition. It should be made a comfortable house for all who are so unfortunate as to be compelled to reside there. It should not be a place that impresses every inmate with the idea that they came there to die, and the sooner they pay that last debt of nature the sooner they will make the tax payers happy.

Yours, &c.,

A. MILLET.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

G. A. Wheeler, Collector, in account with the town of East Bridgewater.

Dr.

To amount of commitment.	\$12,923 14	
To interest collected	53 03	
	<hr/>	\$12,976 17

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By cash paid Town Treasurer	\$12,772 48	
By abatements	203 69	
	<hr/>	\$12,976 17

G. A. WHEELER, *Collector.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing account and find it correct and also that I have seen vouchers for the entire amount.

R. O. HARRIS, *Auditor.*

I have received from the Assessors the following abatements:—

J. K. Aldrich, overtaxed	\$4 90
Henry Alden, unknown	1 50
Lewis Alden, "	1 50
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<i>\$7 90</i>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$7 90
George E. Bates, not in town	1 50
Patrick Belknap, unknown	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Thomas Brownlow, left town	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Charles N. Buck, dead	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
George Burleigh, unknown	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Huldah Brett, exempt	.	.	.	.	.	3 55
W: W. Copeland, paid tax in Hanson	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Elliott E. Copeland " " "	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Estate Nathaniel Bouldry, owned by the town	.	.	.	.	.	3 92
Patrick Brady, unknown	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Michael Carey, "	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Mitchel Carey, "	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
John W. Carroll, not in town	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Thomas H. Cook, unknown	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
George S. Davenport, "	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Frank Demarest, left town	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Bart. M. Donnelly, taxed twice	.	.	.	.	.	5 57
Maria Daws, exempt	.	.	.	.	.	7 35
Dennis Drislane, removed to Boston before May 1	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Jeremiah Dunn, owned by the town	.	.	.	.	.	13 55
David Geary, unable to pay	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
David H. Gorman, left town	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Seth P. Harden, unable to pay (sick)	.	.	.	.	.	6 27
Francis Howe, unknown	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
W. A. Hayward, sold to Mrs. Bancroft and exempted	.	.	.	.	.	4 90
Olivia Hobart, exempt	.	.	.	.	.	2 94
Estate Ellis Holmes, overtaxed	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
William H. H. Johnson, left town	.	.	.	.	.	1 50

Amount carried forward \$86 95

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$86 95
F. A. Keith, not in town	1 50
Wm. W. Keene, paid one-half the assessment (sick)	6 14
Heirs Asaba Keith, taxed to and paid by C. W. Siddle	3 43
John Luby, unable to pay (sick)	1 50
George E. Ludden, taxed in South Abington	1 50
Allen Leach, taxed twice	15 19
Henry Macauley, overtaxed	25
Thomas May, unknown	1 50
John McCarey, “	1 50
James S. McLean, left town	1 50
Ellen Murray, unable to pay	5 39
William Nash, left town	1 50
James O’Brine, not in town May 1	1 50
Andrew O’Brine, “ “ “	1 50
George A. Packard, unknown	1 50
Abbot Parker, not in town	1 50
Uriah Phelps, exempt	49
William A. Rust, taxed in Boston	45 13
John A. Shaw, taxed in Holbrook	4 90
William J. Shaw, not in town	1 50
Edward L. Soule, unable to pay (sick)	1 50
Herbert Sumner, unknown	1 50
Hodijah Tisdale, unable to pay	1 50
William Titus, left town	1 50
James S. Weld, unknown	1 50
Charlotte Whitmarsh, exempt	8 82
Frank L. Woods, unknown	1 50

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REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer, in account with* TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

Dr.

1879.

		Balance as per previous report	\$562 67
March	10.	E. S. Whitmarsh, Collector, on tax of 1878	6 00
April	9.	State Treasurer, Corporation tax addi- tional	42 10
	15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000 00
May	8.	Alvah A. Smith, on notes of Town	4,000 00
June	6.	Wm. E. Shaw, per hands of Selectmen,	100 00
	17.	Isaac Thacher, Trustee for release of real estate, assessed to Fearing, Rod- man, & Smith	76 61
	25.	Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., on note of town	1,000 00
July	30.	Tremont National Bank on note of town,	1,000 00
Sept.	6.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank	500 00
Dec.	9.	State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	989 90
		National Bank Tax	676 17
		State Aid	850 00
		Relief of indigent Sol- diers	387 76
<i>Amount carried forward</i>			<i>\$11,191 21</i>

Amount brought forward \$11,191 21

1880.

Jan.	13.	Town of Brockton, aid to Sarah Harlow,	75 00
	22.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog-tax,	106 24
	26.	State Treasurer, on account of State paupers	24 29
		State Treasurer, income Massachusetts School Fund	194 47
Feb.	10.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of Scholars in Beaver School . . .	100 37
		George A. Wheeler, Collector . . .	12,532 79
	19.	Town of Hanson, aid to Charles L. Atwood	8 05
	20.	George A. Wheeler, Collector, balance on Tax of 1879	239 69
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			\$24,472 11

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1879.

May	8.	East Bridgewater, Savings Bank note of town, dated Oct. 16, 1878 . . .	2,000 00
Sept.	23.	East Bridgewater, Savings Bank note,	500 00
	6.	Selectmen of East Bridgewater, amount refunded to William E. Shaw . . .	100 00
	27.	Tremont National Bank, note . . .	1,000 00
		State Treasurer, two notes given Alvah A. Smith	4,000 00
		Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., note,	1,000 00
Nov.	4.	County Tax for 1879	1,502 40
Dec.	9.	State Tax for 1879	385 00
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Amount carried forward \$10,487 40

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$10,487 40
Dec. 29.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	1,000 00
	Interest on Town notes	178 60
	Recording Collector's deed	90
Feb. 20.	Orders drawn by Selectmen.	\$7,017 90
	Orders drawn by School Committee, including \$33.94 paid on previous year	5,050 28
George A. Wheeler, Collector, tax for 1879, including expense of deeds, etc., of real estate, taxed to following persons, and sold by Collector for non-payment of taxes.		
Feb. 20.	Harrison G. Byram	11 14
	Mary Brown	13 81
	George Osborne	15 76
	Tax for 1879, on real estate, held by town formerly of George W. Deane and James Eaton	18 85
	George A. Wheeler, Collector, bill for expenses paid	2 16
		<hr/> \$23,796 80
	Cash on hand	675 31
		<hr/> \$24,472 11

I. N. NUTTER,
Treasurer.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 23, 1880.

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Report, and find the items properly entered and vouched for, and the accounts properly cast.

R. O. HARRIS, *Auditor.*

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1879.

Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	\$73 51
	14.	Comical Brown	10 00
	20.	Dance	15 00
March	27.	Unitarian Society	6 00
April	2.	Good Samaritans	2 50
	9.	A. B. C. party	10 00
May	1.	Union Society, L. Hall . . .	3 00
	2.	Concert	10 00
	15.	Leavitt's Combination . . .	6 00
June	5.	Dramatics	5 00
	18.	Unitarian Society, L. Hall .	3 00
Aug.	29.	Bell Ringers	10 00
Sept.	10.	Uncle Tom's Cabin	10 00
	18.	Cattle-show ball	10 00
	18.	G. L. Washburn, L. Hall . .	3 00
Oct.	2.	Unitarian Society	5 00
	18.	Lecture	5 00
	28.	Lecture	5 00
	31.	Unitarian Society	6 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>			<i>\$198 01</i>

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	.	.	.	\$198 01
Nov.	3.	Lecture	.	.	.	5 00
	12.	Sociable, L. Hall	.	.	.	3 00
	27.	Unitarian Society	.	.	.	5 00
Dec.	25.	Unitarian Society	.	.	.	6 00
1880.						
Jan.	4.	Woman's C. T. Union	.	.	.	2 50
	7.	Unitarian Sewing-circle	.	.	.	3 00
	16.	Dance	.	.	.	8 00
	21.	Rehearsal E. B. Musical Soc.	.	.	.	1 50
	29.	Concert E. B. Musical Society	.	.	.	5 00
	27.	Unitarian entertainment.	.	.	.	6 00
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EXPENDITURES.

1879.						
Feb.	25.	W. M. Judkins, Constable	.	.	.	\$2 00
March	7.	J. Hobart, coal	.	.	.	3 44
April	17.	J. Hobart, coal	.	.	.	5 18
May	2.	J. G. Knapp, labor	.	.	.	1 10
	2.	E. Hinkley, fuel	.	.	.	2 00
June	20.	Mrs. Maguire, cleaning	.	.	.	10 00
July	5.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, &c.	.	.	.	14 03
Aug.	14.	Cornorell Bros., concreting	.	.	.	100 00
	29.	Otis Bisbee, labor	.	.	.	1 67
	29.	I. N. Nutter, labor and team	.	.	.	7 38
Dec.	6.	J. Hobart, coal	.	.	.	6 25
1880.						
Jan.	1.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, &c.	.	.	.	10 19
	10.	Eleazer Whitman, wood	.	.	.	2 00
						<hr/> \$165 24
		<i>Amount carried forward</i>	.	.	.	

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$165 24
Jan.	10.	Allen Washburn, wood	3 00
	17.	James O'Hearn, labor	2 00
	31.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, &c.	3 05
	31.	C. H. Goss, boards	1 00
	31.	E. Hinkley, janitor	48 75
	31.	Frank Smith, Sec. of Com.	10 00
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			\$233 04
	31.	Cash on hand	9 97
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			\$243 01

JOSHUA DEAN,
I. N. NUTTER,
FRANK SMITH,

Committee.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts of the Town Hall Committee, and find the items thereof properly entered and vouched for.

R. O. HARRIS, *Auditor.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen, School Committee, Treasurer, the Assessors, and Collector, and report as follows:—

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer . . .	\$7,298 83
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer . . .	7,017 90
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Outstanding orders	\$280 93

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer . . .	\$6,140 99
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer . . .	5,016 34
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Outstanding orders	\$1,124 65

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year	\$24,472 11
Amount paid out during the year	23,796 80
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	\$675 31

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection	\$12,923 14
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Total	\$12,976 17
Amount paid to Treasurer	12,976 17

The Collector has exhibited us the Treasurer's receipt for the amount.

We deem it our duty to compliment the various officers whose accounts we have audited, for the very careful and accurate manner in which they have kept their accounts.

R. O. HARRIS,
GEORGE ALLEN,

Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

Twenty-three marriages have been recorded during the year 1879.

1879.

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| Jan. | 1. | Elbridge P. Bonney of Hanson, and Henrietta M. Marston of Halifax. By Rev. William J. Smith. |
| Feb. | 9. | John W. Carroll of East Bridgewater, and Annie Watson of Boston. By James J. Chittick. |
| | 21. | Alfred G. Edson and Ellen L. McGlathry, both of East Bridgewater. By Wm. H. Osborne, Esq. |
| | 23. | Fred. E. Trow of East Bridgewater, and Lizzie M. Johnson of Hanover. By Rev. J. W. Quinby. |
| March | 8. | Everett S. Vosmus and Hattie Pittsley, both of West Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby. |
| | 16. | Gilman R. Lombard of East Bridgewater, and Mary E. Ames of West Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby. |
| May | 10. | Arthur L. Leach and Mary F. Cook, both of South Abington. By Rev. W. F. Farrington. |
| June | 15. | Herman S. Porter and Annie J. Cook, both of South Abington. By Rev. Baalis Sanford. |
| July | 6. | Daniel Sullivan of South Abington, and Ella F. Pratt of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Joseph Pettee. |
| Aug. | 11. | Martin A. Hayward and Nellie B. Holmes, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. D. M. Wilson. |

- Sept. 17. Charles E. Cole of South Abington, and Susie A. Severance of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. J. Smith.
17. B. Warren Bennett and Polly R. Hayward, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. J. Smith.
- Oct. 23. Joseph Ramsdell and Elizabeth Clement, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Noah Fullerton.
- Nov. 4. Lester B. Shaw and Huldah M. Kingman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
13. Frank Houston and Lizzie Adams, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Smith.
13. Frederic E. Ames and Ida M. Bisbee, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.
19. Unite K. Leach and Maggie Penpraes, both of West Bridgewater. By Rev. W. J. Smith.
26. George W. Dunbar of West Bridgewater, and Susie E. Sprague of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
26. Clarence E. Caswell and Cordelia M. Benson, both of South Abington. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.
- Dec. 24. Charles H. Edson and Mary M. Harris, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
4. Winthrop E. Packard and Evelyn M. Stetson, both of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
5. Ami H. Young of Chico Springs, and Agnes H. Nash of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
8. David W. Tinkham and Annie G. Higgins, both of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Baalis Sanford.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1879.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS,
1879.		
Jan.	3, Charles Albert Sumner . . .	Ira H. and Edith F.
	18, Christine Fay Hayward . . .	Josiah E. and Sarah J.
	27, Alice Maria Campbell . . .	Edmund and Alice.
Feb.	14, Eddie Curren . . .	Bartley and Ann.
	28, John Gilbert Cavanaugh . . .	David and Alice.
March	2, George Elton Shaw . . .	Lyman C. and Fanny R.
	5, Ansel Warren Ward . . .	Stillman W. and Edith.
	8, Alice Fidelia Lincoln . . .	Isaac H. and Emily M.
	15, Catharine Roach . . .	David and Mary.
April	5, Joseph Bernier . . .	Zefirain and Mary.
	14, Daniel Neville . . .	Andrew and Elizabeth.
	22, Edward Everett Boden . . .	Charles and Martha.
May	5, Herbert Edson Brown . . .	Edwin W. and Eliza L.
	22, John McCarty . . .	John and Margaret.
	24, Rita Rebecca Edson . . .	Alfred G. and Ellen L.
June	27, Ethel Myrtice Soper . . .	John S. and Lavinia H.
July	2, Robert Chilton Latham . . .	E. Austin and Lucy A.
	14, Lola Deforrest Pratt . . .	Allen P. and Lorinda R.
	16, Earnest Crocker Hannan . . .	Edward and Mary.
	21, Lizzie Annie Murphy . . .	William and Eliza.
Aug.	13, Emma Frances Carr . . .	John C. and Asenath M.
	19, William Murphy . . .	William and Mary.
Sept	11, Albert Grover Allen . . .	James S. and Alice R.
	23, Harry Alvin Strong . . .	Alphonso N. and Carrie M.
Oct.	10, Lydia May Freeman . . .	James D. and Ellen A.
	10, William Gilbert Lombard . . .	Gilman R. and Mary E.
	11, Charles Edward Geary . . .	Daniel and Mary.
	19, John Gilbert Belanger . . .	Charles and Maggie.
Nov.	28, Leonard Alf Hayward . . .	Leonard H. and Emeline A.
	8, Morris Clifton Edson . . .	Edward E. and Addie F.
	12, Mary Ellen Elmond . . .	Peter and Alice.
	20, Bernice Maria Ransden . . .	Wallace C. and Lucy D.
Dec.	22, ——— Hathaway . . .	Alonzo S. and Mary E.
	1, Louise Burrows Meservy . . .	Jefferson B. and Hannah B.
	8, Fred Williams Trow . . .	Fred E. and Lizzie M.

BIRTHS — *Concluded.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1879.		
Dec. 15,	——— McLauthlin . . .	Martin P. and Elizabeth P.
22,	——— Holmes . . .	Henry M. and Annie L.
24,	Dennis Mahoney . . .	Thomas and Johanna.
25,	——— French . . .	William H. and Elmira D.
1878.		
Feb. 23,	Mabel Emily Frizelle . . .	Samuel and Esther S.
April 4,	Thomas Mahoney . . .	Thomas and Johanna.
20,	Charles Winn . . .	Frank and Kate.
Aug. 7,	Alice Althea Rogers . . .	Henry B. and Mary E.
Dec. 15,	Waldo Hayward . . .	William A. and Louise B.
29,	Eli Bunker . . .	Theodore E. and Annie.
1877.		
Jan. 15,	Esther Holmes Ransden . .	Nathan A. W. and Selina M.
1876.		
June 26,	Johanna Mahoney . . .	Thomas and Johanna.
1874.		
May 9,	Albert Alden Washburn . .	George A. and Alice M.

Whole number of births in 1879	39
Males	23
Females	16
Of foreign parentage	13

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1879.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1879.					
Jan. 11,	Zenas Keith . . .	82	11	23	Pneumonia.
17,	Sarah Conant . . .	63	9	1	Bright's Disease.
24,	Willie Lee Feeney . . .	-	3	23	Whooping-Cough.
25,	Bertrand B. Byram . . .	11	10	-	Meningitis.
26,	Mary L. Poole . . .	57	6	2	Rheumatism.
Feb. 11,	Jane Mitchell . . .	56	6	-	Erysipelas.
15,	Pamela H. Bourne . . .	-	8	1	Spasms.
17,	John Waterman . . .	59	11	23	Apoplexy.
22,	Timothy Drake . . .	84	3	19	Old Age.
Feb. 26,	Thomas Rogers . . .	2	7	-	Tonsillitis.
Mar. 4,	Clara G. Rounseville . . .	6	7	20	Scarlet Fever
Mar. 8,	Angelina F. Mackay . . .	31	-	-	Intestinal Obstruction.
12,	Catharine Rogers . . .	10	8	-	Tonsillitis.
15,	Michael Rogers . . .	5	-	-	Whooping-Cough.
26,	Fred W. Richards . . .	24	9	6	Scarlet Fever.
26,	Hanora Feeney . . .	5	1	17	Accidental Burning.
Apr. 1,	Leonard Hill . . .	91	-	4	Old age.
6,	John Lane Allen . . .	2	10	15	Scarlet Fever.
12,	Elizabeth Munyan . . .	85	2	-	Bronchitis.
16,	Rebecca Aldridge . . .	22	2	-	Consumption.
18,	Mary E. Waterman . . .	4	4	9	Scarlet Fever.
20,	Merrill Whitmarsh . . .	80	7	11	Palsy.
27,	Nabby R. Newhall . . .	88	5	18	Old age.
30,	Daniel Whitman . . .	95	-	18	Old age.
May 20,	George H. Byram . . .	65	8	-	Disease of Brain.
22,	Mary A. Tyson . . .	77	-	-	Consumption.
June 4,	A. Augusta Shaw . . .	44	11	2	Cancer.
14,	Sarah F. Bird . . .	80	3	23	Pneumonia.
15,	Francis C. Bryant . . .	46	11	-	Consumption.
22,	Sarah Phillips . . .	78	11	9	Dropsy.
Aug. 1,	Lydia Marvel . . .	82	11	20	Old age.
20,	Clarence A. Dean . . .	1	8	20	Cholera Infantum.
Sept. 7,	Gertrude B. Edson . . .	-	9	18	Cholera Infantum.
27,	Willard Johnson . . .	50	8	16	Consumption.
Oct. 4,	Josiah E. Reynolds . . .	36	4	6	Softening of the Brain.
15,	William G. Field . . .	61	8	26	Apoplexy.
18,	Ard Edson . . .	87	-	-	Old age.

DEATHS — *Concluded.*

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
Nov. 14,	John Porter Reed . .	86	4	22	Old age.
27,	Millard E. Brown . .	26	11	20	Ulceration of the Liver.
Dec. 6,	John H. Doody . .	20	2	11	Phthisis.
7,	Elizabeth G. Sweeting .	60	9	2	Typhoid Fever.
8,	Wilkes Darey . .	71	10	26	Consumption.
18,	Charity Rogers . .	83	11	6	Old age.
20,	Eva M. Cole . .	22	11	20	Consumption.
1878.					
Jan. 20,	Betsey I. Wright . .	29	7	5	Bright's Disease.
Feb. 15,	Rebecca Ann Slade . .	83	7	6	Old age.
Apr. 26,	Rachel Whitman . .	89	5	19	Old age.

Whole number of deaths in 1879 44

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

TOWN WARRANT.

PLYMOUTH, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, GREETING: —

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said town, on Monday, March 8, 1880, at one o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of Town Officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all town charges.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways.

ART. 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of the payment of taxes.

ART. 9. To act on a list of persons proposed by the Selectmen to serve as jurors.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will build a stable on the Town Farm.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will choose a committee to prepare a code of by-laws.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of the Act of 1871, Chap. 158, relating to Road Commissioners.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will choose a Board of Road Commissioners.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen or Treasurer to sell any or all of the real estate conveyed to the Town by the Collector of Taxes prior to the year 1878.

ART. 15. To see what action the Town will take in respect to the compliance with Chap. 234, Act of 1878: being an Act relating to the distribution of the annual income of the school fund, and to provide for reports by school committees to the Secretary of the State Board of Education.

ART. 16. To see what action the Town will take in regard to providing additional school accommodations, by enlarging the present High-school Building, or erecting a new building.

ART. 17. To see what action the Town will take on an order of notice to this Town, from the County Commissioners to widen, alter, and grade the road between Elmwood and Bridgewater, as petitioned for by Joshua E. Crane and other citizens of Bridgewater and vicinity.

ART. 18. To see what action the Town will take on the order of notice to this Town from the County Commissioners to widen, construct, and grade portions of Harvard Street and Grove Street in East Bridgewater, as petitioned for by James Brown and others, of East Bridgewater and South Abington.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will allow James Brown to expend the portion of money raised for repairs of highways due

to Harvard and Pine Streets (pro rata per mile), he agreeing to expend as much more, with a view of making a first-class road the length of those streets, in a few years.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will allow James Brown a fair and just compensation for repairs and improvements, and for making the new road and widenings, as laid out and ordered by the County Commissioners, on Harvard and Pine Streets, the same to be paid by the Town as fast as taxes shall be assessed on buildings and property that may be put upon said streets.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will raise five hundred dollars, or any other sum, the same to be expended in making, improving, and extending side-walks from each schoolhouse, church, and railroad station in Town,—an equal amount to each; and take some measures to clear a path from snow by the side of roads in town.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty.

JOSHUA DEAN,	}	<i>Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.</i>
E. KINGMAN,		
CHAS. H. GOSS,		

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.
FOR 1879-80.

SCHOOL REPORT.

At the last annual town meeting E. W. Nutter was chosen a member of the school committee for a term of three years, and Robert O. Harris for two years.

The new board was organized by the choice of F. S. Strong as chairman, R. O. Harris secretary, and L. W. Richards treasurer.

The several schools were assigned for supervision, as follows:—

To Mr. Strong, the Central Grammar and the schools in Elmwood and Satucket.

To Mr. Harris, the High School and the schools in Beaver, Northville, Eastville, and Curtisville.

To Mr. Nutter, the North, East, and West Primaries.

The following report of the condition and needs of the public schools is respectfully submitted.

ATTENDANCE.

A comparison of the records kept in the several schools with the enumeration of children of school age residing in town on the first of last May, gives a favorable showing

as regards attendance, and makes it evident that the laws of the State affecting this subject have been generally complied with. But few instances of the evasion of these laws have come to the knowledge of the committee, and in these cases measures have been taken to have the children returned to the schools from which they had absented themselves.

As the laws referred to have been amended within a few years, we print them in their amended form at the end of this report, for the information of parents and others having children under their charge.

No provision has as yet been made by the town for the proper enforcement of these laws. By an act of the Legislature passed in 1878, towns neglecting to make such provision will not be entitled, after the present year, to a share of the income of the State school fund. A set of by-laws which we print with this report, has been prepared by the committee, to be submitted to the town for its action at the annual meeting.

TEACHERS.

We give below a list of the teachers employed the past year with the respective schools taught by them.

HIGH SCHOOL	.	{ Wyman C. Fickett, Principal.
		{ Miss Jennie E. Chandler, Assistant.
CENTRAL GRAMMAR	.	{ Edmund W. Nutter, Principal.
		{ H. W. Kittredge, Principal.
		{ Sara E. Wilbar, Assistant.
INTERMEDIATE	.	. Mrs. Kate Woodbury.

NORTH PRIMARY . . .	{ Mrs. S. B. Dunphe. Miss Grace Swallow. Miss Annie Keith.
EAST PRIMARY . . .	{ Miss Huldah M. Kingman. Miss Ann W. Harden.
WEST PRIMARY . . .	{ Miss Lucy H. Keith. Miss Georgianna Keith.
ELMWOOD GRAMMAR . . .	{ Miss Hattie A. Holbrook. Miss L. Frances Estes.
ELMWOOD PRIMARY . . .	Miss Lora G. Kingman.
SATUCKET	Miss M. Jennie Whitman.
CURTISVILLE	Miss Ellen M. Buttomer.
EASTVILLE	Miss Lura Whitmarsh.
NORTHVILLE	Miss Fannie M. Gurney.
BEAVER GRAMMAR . . .	{ Miss Clara S. Vincent. Miss Julia E. Greenwood. Miss Ellen E. Thompson. Miss Annie E. English.
BEAVER PRIMARY . . .	Miss Lucy A. Kingman.

It will be seen by the above list that several changes have occurred during the year; though fewer, we believe, than in either of the two years next preceding. Of the seven teachers who have resigned their positions, two have done so to accept more lucrative places, two on account of ill-health, and one has asked to be relieved during the winter term, and will resume her charge at the beginning of the next year.

The loss suffered by our schools in consequence of the frequent change of teachers has been set forth in former reports, and need not be rehearsed here. How to guard

against this loss is a question demanding serious consideration.

We cannot compete with the larger and more wealthy towns in the matter of salaries. Occasionally, it is true, a moderate increase of pay is the means of securing or retaining a good teacher, and we believe the appropriation made by the town should be sufficient to meet such cases. But it is becoming almost impossible to obtain experienced teachers from beyond our own town limits.

There is one course which offers at least a partial solution of the difficulty. We should, as far as possible, educate and train our own teachers. It has been the policy of the committee, in making appointments, to give the preference to graduates of our High School, when this could be done without any sacrifice of the interests of the schools. Many of these graduates have proved to be efficient instructors, and, as a rule, they are content to hold their positions, without seeking more lucrative ones elsewhere. But we cannot expect that young ladies fresh from their own studies, without experience in or special training for the work of the teacher, can be entrusted with the charge of our schools without incurring the risk of occasional failure.

We believe it is within the power of the town to furnish the training so essential to success. Members of the High School who desire to become teachers might receive, during the last year of the course, special instruction in the art of teaching, and after graduating be assigned to

some of the public schools to serve for a term at least, under the supervision of experienced and competent teachers.

Those who manifest a fitness for their chosen work should receive a certificate from the committee or be appointed to fill existing vacancies.

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the close of the last school year a class of thirteen completed the prescribed course of study, and were awarded diplomas by the committee. The graduating exercises, held in the Town Hall, were of a highly interesting character, and attracted as usual, a large number of the friends of the school. Although, strictly speaking, the annual public exercises form no part of the prescribed course, yet they exert a beneficial influence in stimulating the interest of our citizens in the school, and giving them a knowledge of the methods of instruction employed and the results obtained.

The names of the members of the graduating class are as follows : —

Classical Course.

Lizzie W. Drake.	Isabel Paine.
John W. Herrick.	Abbie C. Shaw.
Albion S. Keith.	Mary W. Shaw.
Loretta C. Lyon.	Eliab N. Ward.

English Course.

Fred. E. Fuller.	William Parker.
Annie M. Keith.	Agnes A. Voigt.
Jane A. W. Osborne.	

At the examination of candidates for admission to the school, at the beginning of the present year, thirty-five scholars appeared. Of these, fourteen answered correctly seventy-five per cent of the questions prepared for them, and were accordingly admitted. Of the remainder, five marked between sixty-five and seventy-five per cent, and were admitted conditionally. By a rule of the committee, any scholar who, during the first term of membership, falls fifteen per cent below the average of his class shall be returned to the school from which he came.

Since the adoption of the course of study for the lower schools, the standard of admission to the High School has been raised, and at the last examination this standard was rigidly adhered to. As a result, the present junior class has maintained an exceptionally good standing.

A continued adherence to the present standard will tend not only to raise the grade of the school, but to reduce its membership. The number of pupils now attending is fifty-two, divided among the four classes, as follows: —

Senior Class	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Sub-senior	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Middle	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8
Junior	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21

We are unable to state what proportion of those who enter the school remain to complete the course of study. Many pupils, however, leave the school after an attend-

ance of but one or two years, and this will continue to be the case so long as the studies begun in the lower schools are left to be completed during the first year of the High-school course.

We are of the opinion that some changes should be made in the course of study to meet the wants of those pupils, who for any cause, cannot graduate or do not desire to do so. This object could be attained by substituting for some of the studies of the second year, others of more practical usefulness in the ordinary pursuits of life.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Owing to the crowded condition of the North Primary and Central Grammar Schools, which in the spring term numbered respectively sixty and seventy-four pupils, the committee decided to establish for the fall term an Intermediate School. The school was accordingly opened in the North-primary building, and was composed of two classes, the first comprising the fourth class of the Central Grammar, and the second formed by uniting the advanced classes of the three primaries. Subsequently it was found necessary to make some changes in order to accommodate children living at too great a distance from the schools to which they had been assigned. This interfered to a considerable extent with the success of the new school, although the other schools were greatly benefited by the change. As had been anticipated, at the approach of

the winter term, many parents objected, on account of the increased distance, to sending their children to the schools to which they had been transferred. After considering the subject in all its bearings, the committee deemed it best to restore the schools to their former condition.

The need of establishing permanently in the centre of the town a school of intermediate grade has long been recognized by all who are conversant with the working of our present school system. This need becomes more urgent every year, and nothing will justify the town in delaying action in this matter much longer.

Probably the most economical plan of obtaining accommodations for such a school is that of enlarging the present High-school building. One advantage of this plan is that it furnishes the means of increasing the facilities of the schools now occupying the building.

We recommend that at the annual meeting a committee be chosen to consider this matter, and report to the town at as early a date as practicable.

COURSE OF STUDY AND METHODS OF TEACHING.

The course of study for the lower schools has been in operation nearly three years, and a review of the progress of the schools during that time furnishes sufficient data for judging of its merits and defects. It was regarded by the committee who prepared and adopted it, as in a measure experimental. While we are convinced that its

adoption was a wise measure, and has been the means of increasing the efficiency of the schools, and bringing them into more harmonious relations with each other, by presenting a well-defined plan of instruction, yet we think a strict conformity to all its requirements should not be enforced. Indeed, the wide difference in the composition of classes, as well as in the capacity and attainments of individual scholars, renders such enforcement impossible.

The plan of confining study to prescribed text-books, and requiring a given number of pages to be gone over within a specified time, has long since been discarded by the best educators as tending to a narrow and one-sided instruction, and interfering with a natural development of the mental faculties.

In many cities and towns text-books have been well nigh banished from the public schools, and oral instruction has taken their place. So radical a change as this would not be advisable in the grammar and mixed schools of this town, the grading and classification of which make it impossible for the teacher to dispense with text-books. We should see to it, however, that no obstacle is placed in the way of a teacher who strives to awaken in his pupils a deeper interest in their studies by departing from the beaten track, and opening to them new fields of observation, and fresh sources of instruction.

THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Any attempt to improve our school system that does

not begin with the primary schools cannot be productive of the best results. These schools have not heretofore received their due share of attention.

The old artificial methods of instruction have been retained too long, and should be superseded by others based upon a sounder theory of intellectual development.

We have not space to discuss or explain these new methods, but we cannot better present the principle underlying them than by quoting a passage from Herbert Spencer's excellent work on education : —

“ But of all the changes taking place, the most significant is the growing desire to make the acquirement of knowledge pleasurable rather than painful, — a desire based on the more or less distinct perception that at each age the intellectual action that a child likes is a healthful one for it ; and conversely. There is a spreading opinion that the rise of an appetite for any kind of knowledge implies that the unfolding mind has become fit to assimilate it, and needs it for the purposes of growth ; and that on the other hand, the disgust felt towards any kind of knowledge is a sign either that it is prematurely presented, or that it is presented in an indigestible form. Hence the efforts to make early education amusing, and all education interesting.”

It may be objected that the acquisition of knowledge under the new methods is less rapid than under the old ; and this perhaps is true as regards certain branches. But there is a fuller and more natural development of the

faculties of observation and reasoning, and thus a broader foundation is laid for future acquirement. One secret of education is "to know how wisely to lose time."

The cramming process should no longer be tolerated in our schools, and no acquisition of knowledge should be sought which puts too great a strain upon the mental or physical strength of the child.

We feel assured that the introduction into our primary school of the improved methods of instruction above suggested would be followed by the most gratifying results.

CONDITION OF SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Nearly all of the sum appropriated by the town for the repair of school property has been expended in grading the yard of the North Primary School, sinking wells at Beaver and Elmwood, painting the house at Satucket, purchasing a stove for the Central Grammar School, rebuilding the platform of the High-school building and making other minor repairs.

It was the intention of the committee to grade the yard at Northville, but after giving the matter further consideration, not feeling warranted in incurring the necessary expense, they decided to leave a balance of the appropriation unexpended and lay the matter again before the town.

It will be necessary the coming year to paint the building at Eastville, and shingle the roof of the Curtisville schoolhouse. Provision should also be made for the repair

of blackboards, which in some schools are so nearly worn out as to be of little service.

Much inconvenience and discomfort have been suffered by the members of the High and Central Grammar Schools from the bad condition of the furnace which renders it impossible to maintain a proper temperature during the coldest weather. The escape of gas has also been a source of considerable annoyance. At the beginning of the winter term, a stove was purchased and placed in the lower room, but the heating and ventilation of the High-school room, and the two recitation rooms, cannot be properly regulated unless the old furnace is replaced by a new one. A proper regard for the health and comfort of the pupils will demand that this be done before the return of the cold season.

The attention of the town has repeatedly been called to the West Primary School which has suffered for years from the want of suitable accommodations. The building occupied by this school may be briefly described as totally unfit for its purpose. The yard is very small and the site is as bad as could be selected.

To crowd sixty children into this small building is to inflict on them an unwarrantable injury of both body and mind.

If the town does not see fit to establish an Intermediate School, and thus relieve this school of a portion of its pupils, then a new site should be chosen, and a new building erected for its accommodation.

It would be a waste of money to make any considerable outlay upon the present building.

Should a new school be opened, however, then, this building, after undergoing some slight alterations, might be allowed to stand a few years longer, or until the town could afford to erect a new one.

In accordance with the vote of the town, those school buildings on which the insurance policies had expired have been re-insured. The rate obtained was so low that but little more than half the sum appropriated was required to pay the premium.

ESTIMATES.

The liberal appropriation for school purposes made by the town has enabled the Committee to extend the school year to thirty-six weeks, and leave an unexpended balance in the treasury; but as the income from the State fund and other sources is gradually falling off, no reduction in this appropriation can safely be made the coming year. The following are the estimated sums needed for the support of schools.

School purposes	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$5,000 00
Incidentals	.	.	.	.	.	.	300 00
Repairs	.	.	.	.	.	.	400 00

FREDERICK S. STRONG,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
ROBERT O. HARRIS,
EDMUND W. NUTTER,

School Committee.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years in town on the 1st of May	385
Number attending school	368
Number over fifteen, attending school	45
Average number belonging to the public schools for the year .	441
“ “ attending “ “ “ “	405

The following table shows the attendance of each school for the year. The results given are obtained in accordance with the new rule of the Board of Education.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	Average No. Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Average Attendance.
High School	53	51	96
Central Grammar	67	63	94
Elmwood Grammar	21	20	93 $\frac{1}{2}$
Beaver Grammar	37	32	84
Intermediate	61	56	91
North Primary	34	31	89 $\frac{1}{2}$
East Primary	41	37	89
West Primary	49	45	92
Elmwood Primary	27	24	88
Eastville	25	23	89
Northville	24	22	92
Curtisville	20	17	84
Satucket	16+	15	90
Beaver Primary	27	25	90

LAWS RELATING TO THE ATTENDANCE OF CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOLS.

Every person having under his control a child between the ages of eight and fourteen shall annually cause

such child to attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides, at least twenty weeks, which time shall be divided into two terms, of ten consecutive weeks, so far as the arrangement of school terms will allow; and for every neglect of such duty the party offending shall forfeit to the use of the public schools of such city or town a sum not exceeding twenty dollars; but if the party so neglecting was not able, by reason of poverty, to send such child to school, or such child has attended a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town for a like period of time, or is regularly attending a public or private day school, known as a half-time school, also approved by them, or that such child has been otherwise furnished with the means of education for a like period of time, or has already acquired the branches of learning taught in the public schools; or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable, the penalty before mentioned shall not be incurred, provided that no objection shall be made by the school committee to any such school on account of the religious teaching in said school.

No child under the age of ten years shall be employed in any manufacturing or mechanical establishment within this commonwealth, and no child between the ages of ten and fifteen years shall be so employed unless he has attended some public or private day school, under teachers approved by the school committee of the place in which

such school is kept, at least three months during the year next preceding such employment; provided said child shall have lived within the Commonwealth during the preceding six months; nor shall such employment continue unless such child shall attend school at least three months in each and every year; and provided that tuition of three hours per day in a public or private day school, approved by the school committee of the place, in which such school is kept during a term of six months, shall be deemed the equivalent of three months' attendance at a school kept in accordance with the customary hours of tuition, and no time less than sixty days of actual schooling shall be accounted as three months, and no time less than one hundred and twenty half days of actual schooling shall be deemed an equivalent of three months.

Any owner, agent, superintendent, or overseer of any manufacturing or mechanical establishment who shall knowingly employ or permit to be employed, any child in violation of the preceding section, and any parent or guardian who allows or consents to such employment, shall, for such offence, forfeit the sum of fifty dollars.

BY-LAWS IN RELATION TO TRUANCY.

ARTICLE I. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years residing in this town, who may be found wandering about in the streets and public places of the said town, having no regular occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be sent into the schools to which they belong by the truant officers, and their parents or guardians notified by the officers, and warned to keep them in school.

ART. II. Any scholar who, after having been ordered into his school, shall continue to play truant, or shall refuse to attend school, shall be reported by the truant officers, or any one of them, to the school committee, who shall in their discretion instruct the officer to make complaint against him.

ART. III. The — school at — is hereby assigned as a place of confinement, instruction, and discipline for children convicted upon the complaint of the truant officer.

ART. IV. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to report to the school committee at their subsequent regular meeting each case of children ordered into school by them, and each case of non-compliance with their commands, and keep a full record of their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the school committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

ART. V. Nothing in these by-laws shall be so construed as to affect the right of parents or guardians to send the children under their charge to any private or half-time school, or to a school in any town other than their town of residence.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATIONS.

For schools	\$5,000 00	
school incidentals	300 00	
sinking wells and repairs on houses	500 00	
town West Bridgewater	100 37	
State treasurer	194 47	
County treasurer	106 24	
insurance	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,401 08

FUEL AND PREPARING.

Paid Bosworth Brothers	\$89 35	
John Hobart	88 12	
Isaac Lincoln	18 94	
T. F. Wood	10 67	
F. W. Sturtevant	14 22	
Joseph Jones	2 00	
Edward A. Porter	4 80	
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INSURANCE.

Amount appropriated		\$200 00
Paid Loring W. Puffer	\$108 00	
Unexpended	92 00	
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TEACHING.

W. C. Fickett	\$1,066 25
Jenny E. Chandler	400 00
L. A. Millett	20 00
E. W. Nutter	232 00
H. W. Kittredge	120 00
Sara E. Wilbar	258 00
Clara S. Vincent	16 00
Julia E. Greenwood	80 00
Ellen E. Thompson	96 00
Annie E. English	108 00
Lucy A. Kingman	216 00
Hattie A. Holbrook	84 00
L. Frances Estes	168 00
Lora G. Kingman	216 00
Fanny M. Gurney	252 00
Lura Whitmarsh	252 00
Ellen M. Buttomer	252 00
M. Jennie Whitman	252 00
S. B. Dunphe	53 20
Grace T. Swallow	30 80
Katie S. Woodbury	84 00
Annie M. Keith	72 00
Huldah M. Kingman	84 00
Ann W. Harden	168 00
Lucy H. Keith	163 10
Georgiana Keith	88 90

 \$4,832 25

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mary A. Fisher	.	.	.	.	.	\$4 25
Hattie D. Whitman	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Walter E. Whitman	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Ellen M. Buttomer	.	.	.	.	.	9 00
Lura Whitmarsh	.	.	.	.	.	9 00
Kingman & Scribner	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
F. E. Fuller	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
Fanny M. Gurney	.	.	.	.	.	9 00
Lucy A. Kingman	.	.	.	.	.	9 00
Cynthia A. Morey	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Wm. A. Dyson, jun.	.	.	.	.	.	9 00
T. F. Nute	.	.	.	.	.	3 75
Mrs. George Sites	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
E. W. Nutter, cash paid	.	.	.	.	.	10 90
Kate Barrett	.	.	.	.	.	30 00
Elmira Sturtevant	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Mrs. Isaac T. Hatch	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Mrs. Z. W. Sturtevant	.	.	.	.	.	6 25
Mrs. J. Nute	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Mrs. M. Short	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Ann W. Harden	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Sabin N. Scribner	.	.	.	.	.	7 00
Albert A. Tilden	.	.	.	.	.	7 00
Annie E. English	.	.	.	.	.	4 50
Michael Winn	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
W. C. Fickett	.	.	.	.	.	35 00

 \$218 65

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriated	\$300 00
J. L. Hammett	\$47 90
O. S. Howe	5 25
William Allen	35 00
Boston Journal	2 25
J. Burrill	53 40
W. C. Fickett	5 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, jun.	12 00
Knight, Adams & Co.	2 85
L. W. Richards	28 00
E. Hinckley	1 50
Smith & Anthony	30 00
Edmund Ford	2 20
B. W. Keith	1 00
Isaac N. Nutter	40 49
A. H. Andrews	9 00
Alger & Co.	6 45
M. L. Webber	1 35
Gammons & Nutter	3 31
F. S. Strong, cash paid	1 27
Unexpended	11 03
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	\$300 00

REPAIRS.

Appropriated	\$500 00
John Vosmus	\$1 25
S. R. Newhall	15 25
Gammons & Nutter	73 78
E. W. Nutter, cash paid	1 00
Howard Clark & Co.	7 50
Ezra T. Sampson	12 00
M. S. Curtis	57 89
Hayward & Chamberlain	119 61
William M. Judkins	21 70
Albion Benson	2 50
E. B. Stoddard	1 50
J. G. Knapp	4 25
Enoch Freeman	1 50
J. A. Swasey	15 00
East Bridgewater Iron Company	39 37
Carver Cotton Gin Company	10 92
S. L. Seaver	14 86
William Reed	14 50
Benjamin Alden	1 20
M. P. Hudson	10 00
George L. Jones	2 00
E. T. Fuller	3 65
E. P. Reed & Co.	33 79
Unexpended	34 98
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	\$500 00

Amount of orders drawn on Treasurer of Town,	\$5,016 34
Amount to be drawn at end present term . . .	1,124 65
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	\$6,140 99

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available	\$6,401 08
Paid for teaching	\$4,832 25
Fuel and preparing	228 10
Care of houses	218 65
Insurance	108 00
Incidental Expenses	288 97
Repairs	465 02
Unexpended	260 09
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	\$6,401 08

L. W. RICHARDS,
Treasurer of School Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS., February, 1880.

FIFTY-SEVENTH
ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

EAST BRIDGEWATER

—FOR THE—

Financial Year Ending Feb. 1st,

1881.

ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 14th, 1881.

PLYMOUTH:

AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.

1881.

Town Officers of East Bridgewater, 1880.

TOWN CLERK.
FRANK SMITH.

TREASURER.
ISAAC N. NUTTER.

COLLECTOR.
GEORGE A. WHEELER.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.
E. S. WHITMARSH, JOSHUA DEAN, HENRY GURNEY.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.
FREDERIC S. STRONG, E. W. NUTTER, ROBERT O. HARRIS.

AUDITORS.
L. W. RICHARDS, JOHN E. WATERMAN, CHARLES H. EDSON.

CONSTABLES.
WILLIAM M. JUDKINS, JOHN SCRIBNER,
THOMAS S. H. ROUNSVILLE, ENOCH FREEMAN.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

District.		District.	
1.	I. N. NUTTER,	6.	ELIAB LATHAM,
2.	SEARS R. FROST,	7.	NEWTON M. KEEN,
3.	WILLIAM F. KEEN,	8.	J. E. WATERMAN,
4.	SUPT. OF ALMSHOUSE,	9.	JAMES S. ALLEN,
5.	GEORGE W. HARDEN,	10.	WALDO HAYWARD.

FENCE VIEWERS.
SAMUEL KEITH, HENRY GURNEY.

FIELD DRIVERS.
WILLIAM H. JUDKINS, WILLIAM RAMSDELL.

MEASURERS OF WOOD.
JOHN E. WATERMAN, NOAH A. WASHBURN.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.
JOHN E. WATERMAN, GEORGE A. WRIGHT.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.
CHARLES H. GOSS, LUTHER CHURCHILL, JR., HIRAM ERSKINE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.
HENRY A. GROW.

SEXTON
MELVIN L. WEBBER.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Building road at Elmwood.....	
Note payable Oct. 1, 1881, money used for High	
School building.....	<u>\$1,850 00</u>

ASSETS.

Due from Commonwealth for State aid.....	\$986 00
Due from Commonwealth for aid to indigent sol- diers	71 00
Bills due Almshouse.....	28 01
Jeremiah Dunn estate.	677 74
Due from other towns.....	28 58
Cash in treasury.....	1,319 38
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	\$3,110 74

Since the accounts were audited we have paid a bill of \$23.47, which should have been included in our report. We now know of no bills against the town.

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1880, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1881.

Harriet Eddy . . .	\$48 00	Sarah B. Gould . . .	\$48 00
Sarah C. Hudson..	48 00	Betsey A. Hale....	48 00
Mary Hudson.....	48 00	H. F. McCarter....	48 00
Mary S. Ripley....	48 00	Lydia A. Sylvester.	48 00
Thankful O. Trow.	48 00	Eunice S. Bryant..	44 00
Eldridge Winsor...	72 00	Charles L. Jones...	72 00
E. W. Nutter.....	72 00	Lydia A. Hale.....	48 00
Perez Williams....	72 00	B. F. Ellis.....	36 00
Harriet Vosmos...	48 00	William L. Morey.	15 00
Harriet Vosmos for			
January, 1880...	4 00		<hr/> \$915 00

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Joseph M. Whitman.....	\$82 00
Charles D. Hatch.	20 00
Ferender C. Negus.....	8 00
William Shaw.....	8 00
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INCIDENTALS.

Rand, Avery & Co., printing report.....	\$116 80
C. W. Sumner, counsel fees, 1879.....	10 00
B. W. Keith, postage stamps.....	3 00
Quincy Insurance Company.....	55 25
Alger & Co.'s express.....	2 25
Rand, Avery & Co., printing.....	8 00
George M. Keith, moderator two years.....	6 00
Jarvis Burrell, printing.....	19 40
B. W. Keith, postal cards.....	12 00
William H. Whitman, by-laws.....	2 65
John M. Whiting, pointing.....	5 00
East Bridgewater Iron Company, cinder.....	25 00
I. N. Nutter, account books, etc.....	4 35
M. L. Webber, horse hire.....	5 00
J. W. Richards.....	3 00
Henry Gurney, railroad fares.....	4 55
E. S. Whitmarsh, railroad fares.....	16 90
Loring Holbrook & Son.....	3 25
Abatement of taxes....	66 63
Francis Hayward, shoveling snow.....	1 20
Waldo Hayward, shoveling snow.....	1 00
Mark P. Hudson, shoveling snow.....	1 40
E. F. Sampson, shoveling snow.....	1 00

Amount carried forward..... \$373 63

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$373 63
A. W. Blanchard, shoveling snow.....	90
J. G. Knapp, shoveling snow.....	40
A. Washburn, shoveling snow.....	5 00
George W. Harden, shoveling snow.....	1 80
James Mahoney, shoveling snow.....	70
Decoration of soldiers' graves.....	100 00
Eliab Latham, building wall at Satucket, 1879.....	7 00
George L. Chamberlain, building wall at Satucket, 1879.....	16 31
William Green, building wall at Satucket, 1879.....	11 63
Edwin Hayward, building wall at Satucket, 1879....	5 06
Reuben Harden, building wall at Satucket, 1879....	50
William M. Judkins, service and attendance at fire inquest.....	12 30
George A. Wheeler, service of summons for wit- nesses.....	10 25
Paid six jurors.....	15 96
Paid fifteen witnesses.....	27 20
Paid carriage hire for jury.....	5 50
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	\$594 14

Repairs of Highways.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS WAS ALLOTTED TO EACH
DISTRICT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid—

I. N. Nutter, Surveyor.....	\$50 12
David Roach ..	52 50
Zenas W. Sturtevant.....	15 54
Patrick Quigley.....	1 50
Eleazer Whitman.....	25 72
William Reed.....	4 50
Henry Gurney	64 52
Daniel W. Noyes	9 00
Owen McGuire.....	13 50
Vernon H. Whitman.....	4 50
William P. Corthell.....	5 60
East Bridgewater Iron Company.....	3 00
	\$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid—

Sears R. Frost, Surveyor.....	\$67 82
E. W. Barrows	67 35
David Roach	50 75
Dana F. Edson	33 60
Lewis P. Raymond	1 50

Isadus Fuller.....	\$6 04
Martin Round.....	9 23
Wm. M. Judkins ..	5 55
James Eaton	2 16
Richard B. Sturtevant	3 00
Benjamin F. Edson.....	3 00
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	\$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid—

William F. Keen, Surveyor.....	\$127 15
James Brown.....	39 25
David Pratt.....	3 00
Jason Harden.....	1 50
William H. Gaffney.....	37 50
Benjamin F. Churchill.....	13 00
Aaron Ramsdell.....	18 60
Henry Gurney.....	10 00
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	\$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid—

C. E. Blackwell, Superintendent of Almshouse.....	\$250 00
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DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid—

George W. Harden, Surveyor.....	\$70 23
Allen Washburn.....	45 00
Luther Harden.....	13 50
Eldridge Winsor.....	3 00
William S. Sampson.....	3 00
Joseph T. Hathaway.....	1 50
Charles Thrasher.....	5 25
E. H. Brown.....	18 50
Thomas H. Bouldry.....	11 25
Nathaniel S. Bouldry.....	11 25
Ernest W. Lindsey.....	4 80
E. F. Sampson.....	25 07
Alonzo Sharp.....	19 25
David H. Gurney.....	18 40
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	\$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid—

Eliab Latham, Surveyor.....	\$79 62
George W. Harden.....	23 75
Galen Latham.....	20 48
Charles A. Latham.....	20 00
James W. Latham.....	28 12
William A. Bradman.....	41 38
Arthur Harris ..	2 25
John H. Hathaway.....	2 50
William Green.....	3 75
William A. Dyson.....	50
Freedom Keith.....	3 00

J. L. Tyler.....	\$6 25
S. C. Keith.....	4 55
William Desmond..	3 00
Daniel Geary	4 35
Nathaniel Perkins	50
Samuel Keith.....	2 00
Albert Holly.....	2 00
Jacob Hill	2 00
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	\$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Paid—

Newton M. Keene, Surveyor.....	\$76 50
Walter L. Benson.....	30 00
David W. Gurney	24 00
Levi W. Noyes.	29 10
Joseph Lafland.....	13 50
H. W. White	41 76
Joseph M. Lowcraft.....	9 00
J. Briggs.....	3 00
A. Bond	2 00
Sherman & Carver.....	7 40
George Mitchell's estate.....	13 74
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	\$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Paid—

John E Waterman, Surveyor.....	\$21 75
Gilbert Sunderling.....	2 75
Joseph Laform.....	5 63
Jeremiah Dunn.	21 01
Patrick Quigley..	7 50

Adolph Fertur	\$16 50
Timothy Bredeau	20 41
Joseph Lynch	11 25
E. L. Clark	16 50
M. Jenkins	32 25
David Roach	39 00
East Bridgewater Iron Company	34 13
John Cook	8 25
Joseph Lafland	75
Howe Brick Company	6 75
James Eaton	3 36
Isadus Fuller	69
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	\$248 48

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Paid—	
James S. Allen, Surveyor	\$20 35
Waldo Hayward	8 37
Francis Hayward	63 25
Bela Hayward	11 00
J. M. Richards	7 88
Samuel F. White	32 75
Rufus A. Littlefield	49 50
Galen Willis	3 75
O. W. Bradford	5 85
David Allen	9 60
Galen Allen	3 30
Freeman Cushman	8 25
Sidney Allen	1 43
Michael Feeney	75
Michael Feeney, Jr.	7 20
Luther Richards	16 77
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	\$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Waldo Hayward, Surveyor.	\$119 78
Nathaniel K. Richardson.....	33 00
Eben Tisdale.	14 85
Francis Hayward.....	20 02
Bela Hayward.....	2 51
Galen Willis.....	30 65
Richard S. Higgins.....	3 60
William D. Higgins..	13 05
Samuel F. White.....	12 50
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	\$249 96

BRIDGES.

Paid—

Francis Hayward.....	\$3 75
Henry Gurney.....	25 25
E. P. Reed & Co.....	28 37
E. L. Clark.....	1 00
Superintendent of Almshouse.....	14 25
Charles H. Goss.....	6 46
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	\$79 08

ALMSHOUSE.

Paid—

Superintendent of the Almshouse for building cattle yard, hen-house, cesspool, and grading neces- sary to be performed in consequence of build- ing a new barn and removing the old one....	\$210 00
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid—

Frederic S. Strong, School Committee.	\$33 75
Edmund W. Nutter, School Committee.	70 50
Robert O. Harris, School Committee.	117 61
Robert O. Harris, Auditor.	16 25
Charles H. Goss, Selectman to March 8, 1880.	8 00
Ezra Kingman, Selectman to March 8, 1880.	31 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor	265 00
Joshua Dean, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.	52 50
Henry Gurney, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.	152 80
I. N. Nutter, Treasurer.	100 00
George A. Wheeler, Collector.	121 72
Frank Smith, Town Clerk.	60 00
William M. Judkins, Constable.	42 00
M. L. Webber, Sexton.	65 00
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	\$1,136 13

BARN ON THE ALMSHOUSE FARM.

Paid—

The Superintendent of Almshouse for labor.	\$120 00
George L. Chamberlain for labor.	38 25
Edwin S. Hayward for lumber.	31 71
E. P. Reed & Co. for lumber.	710 78
Rogers & Sheldon for nails.	35 50
J. E. Waterman for lime.	7 05
William M. Judkins for brick.	32 37
E. B. Stoddard for hardware.	4 28

Gammons & Nutter for hardware.....	\$34 26
John M. Whiting for labor.....	29 15
Warren Brown for labor.	21 00
Charles E. Gaffney for labor.....	23 75
Abner Jackson for labor.....	68 61
George B. Howland for labor,	103 75
John H. Vosmos for labor.....	30 00
Isadus Fuller for labor.....	28 69
William Ramsdell for labor.....	21 00
Thomas A. Herrick for labor.....	3 37
Samuel Pool for labor.....	2 00
S. W. Richmond for stone.....	18 83
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	\$1,364 35

HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid—

Albion K. Benson.	\$6 00
Michael Feeney, Jr.....	14 80
Michael Gorman.....	4 25
Daniel Desmond.....	3 00
Andrew Nevill	6 75
Zenas Sturtevant.....	12 75
Daniel Geary.....	3 00
Patrick Dreslane.....	1 50
James Kaven	6 75
M. L. Webber.. . . .	10 50
I. N. Nutter.....	24 88
C. W. Siddall.....	8 94
Joshua Dean.....	4 25
Superintendent of Almshouse.....	16 38
Rogers & Sheldon.....	31 25
William M. Judkins.....	98 40

John E. Waterman	\$18 75
Chas. H. Goss	55 41
Gammons & Nutter	85 89
A. W. Hastings & Co	100 22
E. P. Reed & Co	698 34
Isadas Fuller	69 19
Samuel L. Ryder	570 15
John M. Whiting	229 50
Minot S. Curtis	130 42
Old Colony & Newport Railway	2 42
A. C. Thompson	50
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	\$2,214 19

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For repairs of highways	\$2,498 44
For incidentals, shoveling snow, fire inquest and dec- oration of soldiers' graves.	594 14
For payment of Town officers	1,136 13
For poor in Almshouse	1,201 79
For poor out of Almshouse, 1879	600 36
For poor out of Almshouse, 1880	794 73
For barn at Almshouse	1,364 35
For improvements at Almshouse	210 00
For State Aid	915 00
For Aid to indigent soldiers	118 00
For High School House	2,214 19
For Bridges	79 08
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	\$11,726 91

LIST OF PERSONS

Proposed by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors for 1881 :

George W. Allen,	Granville C. Allen,
Charles H. Brown,	James Brown,
Luther Churchill, Jr.,	Newton Churchill,
Wellington Caldwell,	Edward F. Field,
Henry Gurney,	Abbot T. Hewitt,
George B. Howland,	George W. Harden,
Luther Harden,	George M. Keith,
Isaac N. Keith	Lysander Keith,
Newton M. Keen,	Samuel Keith,
Zebina Keith,	A. Harris Latham,
Eliab Latham,	Martin McLauthlin,
Edmund W. Nutter,	David Pratt,
Francis W. Porter,	Nathan Pool,
William Ramsdell,	Ezra F. Sampson,
Frank Smith,	Minot C. Shaw,
Samuel Shaw,	William Vinton,
Benjamin Ward,	Noah A. Washburne,
Robert Young.	

E. S. WHITMARSH,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>
JOSHUA DEAN,	
HENRY GURNEY,	
	<i>East Bridgewater.</i>

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION FOR 1880.

Real estate.....	\$965,400
Personal estate.....	278,440

Total.....	<u>\$1,243,840</u>
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Number of polls	746
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Tax on each poll.....	\$2
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Rate of taxation.....	.0118
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State tax.....	\$1,155 00
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County tax.....	1,524 42
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Town tax.....	12,800 00
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Added for convenience	689 87
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Committed September.....	\$16,169 29
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Subsequently taxed 7 polls.	14 00
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Total amount committed for collection.....	\$16,183 29
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Lost by fractions two cents.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1880.

For—

Schools	\$5,000 00
Repairs of school property.....	400 00
School incidentals.....	300 00
Highways.....	2,500 00
Bridges.....	300 00
Town officers.. ..	1,000 00
Incidentals.....	600 00
Decorating soldiers' graves.....	100 00
Barn at Almshouse	1,300 00
Deficiency last year.. ..	1,300 00
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	\$12,800 00

E. S. WHITMARSH, }
 JOSHUA DEAN, }
 HENRY GURNEY, } *Assessors.*

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE.

DR.

To inventory February 1, 1880.....	\$1,453 20
M. Crooker's salary two months.....	66 66
C. E. Blackwell, ten months.....	291 64
Dr. Millet, medical attendance.....	25 00
Cash from Treasury... ..	818 49
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	\$2,654 99

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By inventory February 1, 1881.....	\$1,578 26
Cost of supporting the poor.....	1,076 79
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	\$2,654 99
Number of inmates during the year.	13
Average number, very nearly.....	10 6-10
Cost per week for support, very nearly.....	\$1 95
Present number.	9

*AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1880.*

Paid—

Town of South Abington for support of Susannah Hayden.	\$240 00
Town of Scituate for aid to Mrs. Leander Osborne and family.....	82 50
Town of West Bridgewater for aid to George W. Osborne.....	80 00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts for support of Rose Gerald.....	126 99
Town of Scituate for aid to Albert Osborne	18 75
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Nathaniel S. Bouldry.....	14 39
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Hannah Dunn.....	14 39
Frank Bryant.....	8 00
Daniel Geary.....	5 00
Sophronia Carter.....	84
Sophia Harlow.....	5 00
George Jenkins.....	4 50
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	\$600 36

All of the above expenditures were incurred and should have been paid last year.

*AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1881.*

Paid—

Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Nathaniel S. Bouldry.....	\$189 02
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Hannah Dunn.....	178 17
City of Lynn, aid to the Connors children.....	34 00
City of Boston, aid to Peter Foley.....	4 00
City of Boston, aid to Mrs. Frank Burns.....	2 44
City of Lowell, aid to Catherine Quinn.....	23 00
Town of Natick, aid to Charles D. Hatch.....	116 00
Town of Brockton, aid to Andrew P. Young and family.....	23 75
Town of Brockton, aid to A. L. Soule and family...	2 00
For Susannah Hayden.....	92 50
Mrs. Feeney.....	7 50
Mrs. Dugan.....	14 52
Benjamin H. Fisher and family.....	4 75
Joseph M. Whitman and family.....	5 00
George Jenkins and family.....	9 50
Sophia Harlow, belongs in Brockton....	60 00
James Walker, belongs in Easton.....	5 00
Ellen I. Atwood and child, belong in Hanson..	15 49
Henry P. Caswell and family, belong in Taunton.....	8 09
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	\$794 73
Received from other towns.....	74 00
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Net aid to poor out of the Almshouse.....	\$720 73

E. S. WHITMARSH, } *Overseers*
JOSHUA DEAN, } *of*
HENRY GURNEY, } *the Poor.*

TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth :

GREETING :

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of East Bridgewater qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Town, on Monday, the fourteenth day of March, A. D., 1881, at one o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit :

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ARTICLE 2. To act on the reports of Town officers.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all necessary Town officers.

ARTICLE 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town charges.

ARTICLE 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways.

ARTICLE 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 9. To act on a list of jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the Post Offices, and also, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one.

E. S. WHITMARSH,	}	<i>Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.</i>
JOSHUA DEAN,		
HENRY GURNEY,		

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

GEORGE A. WHEELER, *Collector,*

In account with the TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount of commitment.....	\$16,183 29
To interest.....	44 78
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Total.....	\$16,228 07

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By amount collected.....	\$16,228 07
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We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correct, and also that we have seen vouchers for the entire amount.

J. E. WATERMAN,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
L. W. RICHARDS,		
C. H. EDSON,		

I have received from the Assessors the following abatements :

William Anderson, residence unknown.....	\$2 00
Henry Burgess, residence unknown.....	2 00
John H. Chadwick, unable to pay.....	2 00
Thomas Cook, not taxable.	2 00
Clarendon F. Cobb, taxed in Brockton	2 00
Michael Feeney, Jr., unable to pay	2 00
William D. Higgins, residence unknown	2 00
Charles H. W. Jewett, taxed in Brockton	2 00
Joseph Kingston, not taxable.	2 00
Baalis S. Littlefield, not taxable.....	2 47
James Lynch, residence unknown.....	2 00
Joseph Lombard, residence in Florida.....	2 00
John Lee, not taxable	2 00
Stephen N. Leonard, residence unknown.....	2 00
James Mahoney, not taxable	2 00
Samuel R. McKensie, paid tax in Charlestown.....	2 00
James R. Osborne, not taxable	2 00
Hervey Planch, residence unknown.....	2 00
Luthier W. Phillips, dead	3 18
Mark Phillips, paid tax in Fall River.....	2 00
George R. Ryder, dead.....	2 00
A. N. Strong, residence unknown.....	2 00
Albert S. Sturtevant, not taxable	2 00
Frederick Sprague, not taxable.....	2 00
Thomas Wilder, not taxable	2 00
William White, not taxable	2 00
Estate Nathan Kingman taxed twice.....	12 98

\$66 63

GEORGE A. WHEELER, *Collector.*

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer*,

In account with the TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

1880.	Balance as per previous report.....	\$675 31
March 9.	Hon. George Marston, fees as referee re- funded.....	7 50
March 9.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note.	1,000 00
March 23.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note.	1,000 00
April 3.	William J. Shaw for real estate formerly owned by Nathaniel Boldry.....	273 50
April 19.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note.	1,000 00
May 8.	Town of South Abington, balance due on settlement.....	87 68
June 4.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note..	2,000 00
June 21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note.	1,000 00
July 6.	Timothy Mitchell for release of real es- tate taxed to George Osborne.....	17 19
July 13.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note.	1,000 00
Aug. 4.	State Treasurer on account of corpora- tion tax.....	75

Amount carried forward..... \$8,061 93

		<i>Amount brought forward.....</i>	\$8,061 93
Aug.	21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank on note payable Oct. 1, 1881.	1,850 00
Aug.	21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest.	2 78
Sept.	7.	Town of Hanson, aid to Ellen J. Atwood.	14 00
Sept.	27.	Selectmen, amount received from County Treasurer for damage to sheep of John Porter	10 00
Oct.	5.	B. W. Keith and others for old materials from High School building	2 81
Oct.	13.	Harrison G. Byram for release of real estate sold for tax	12 76
Dec.	9.	State Treasurer, corporation tax.	1,061 14
		State Treasurer, National bank tax.	811 61
		State Treasurer, State aid.	869 00
		State Treasurer, relief of indigent soldiers	193 25
1881.			
Jan.	14.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax.	133 74
Jan.	25.	Town of Brockton, aid to Sophia Harlow	55 00
Jan.	26.	State Treasurer, income of Massachusetts School fund.....	187 56
Jan.	31.	Town of Easton, aid to James Walker..	5 00
Feb.	4.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of pupils.....	82 55
Feb.	12.	James Eaton, tax bill for 1880.....	12 98
Feb.	12.	George A. Wheeler, Collector, tax of 1880, including interest collected.....	16,228 07
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			\$29,594.18

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1880.

March	9.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.	\$28 48
March	23.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.	26 11
April	19.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.	22 50
June	4.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.	33 33
June	21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.	14 17
July	13.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.	12 50
Aug.	4.	State Treasurer on account of corporation tax.....	27 40
Sept.	15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, two notes.....	2,000 00
Sept.	20.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note..	1,000 00
Oct.	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, three notes.....	4,000 00
Oct.	28.	County Treasurer, County tax for 1880.	1,524 42
Oct.	28.	Town of Hanson, tax.	48
Dec.	10.	State Treasurer, State tax for 1880.	1,155 00
Dec.	11.	G. A. Wheeler, Collector, five tax bills on real estate held by Town, sold for non-payment of taxes of former years :	
		James Eaton..	\$12 98
		George W. Dean.	59
		Willis Harden.....	8 03
		Charles W. Harden.....	2 36
		Mary Brown	9 91
			<hr/> \$33 87
		<i>Amount carried forward.....</i>	<hr/> \$9,878 26

Amount brought forward..... \$9,878 26

1881.

Feb.	7.	G. A. Wheeler, Collector, tax of 1880 on real estate taxed to the following named three persons, and sold for non-payment of said tax, expense of sale, deed, etc., included :	
		John Enwright	\$4 87
		Benjamin F. Jackson.....	4 99
		Abby Farrar.....	7 63
		— — — — —	\$17 49
Feb.	11.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank interest.	41 62
		Orders drawn by Selectmen outstand- ing at date of last report.	280 93
		Orders drawn by Selectmen.....	11,726 21
		Orders drawn by School Committee out- standing at date of last report... ..	1,124 65
		Orders drawn by School Committee....	5,205 64
		— — — — —	\$28,274 80
		Cash on hand.....	1,319 38
		— — — — —	\$29,594 18

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 19, 1881.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen, School Committee, Treasurer, the Assessors and Collector, and report as follows:

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer.....	\$11,726 21
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer.	11,726 21

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer	\$5,205 54
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer.....	5,205 54

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year.....	\$29,594 18
Amount paid out during the year.....	28,274 80
Cash on hand	<u>\$1,319 38</u>

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection.	\$16,183 29
Interest	44 78
	<u>\$16,228 07</u>
Amount paid to Treasurer.....	\$16,228 07

The Collector has exhibited to us the Treasurer's receipt for the above amount.

We deem it our duty to compliment the various officers whose accounts we have audited for the very careful and accurate manner in which they have kept their accounts.

CHARLES H. EDSON, J. E. WATERMAN, L. W. RICHARDS,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
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REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

1880.		RECEIPTS.	
Feb.	1.	Cash on hand.....	\$9 97
	4.	Reading.....	5 00
	19.	Unitarian Society.....	6 00
March	17.	High School.....	4 00
	22.	Star Temperance Union.....	4 50
	25.	Unitarian Society.....	6 00
April	16.	Dance.....	6 00
	29, 30, & } May 1. }	Unitarian Society fair.....	17 50
Aug.	9.	C. S. King.....	8 00
Sept.	9.	Spauldings.....	10 00
Oct.	12.	Union Society.....	6 50
	13.	Unitarian Sunday School	3 00
	19.	Caucus.....	3 00
	22.	Dance	12 00
	30.	Lecture.....	5 00
Nov.	10.	Dance	8 00
	12.	Dance	12 00
	18.	Methodist Society.....	6 00
<i>Amount carried forward.</i>			<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block; vertical-align: middle;"/> \$132 47

		<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$132 47
Nov.	24.	Prof. Harrington.....	10 00
	25.	Received of Garfield and Arthur Club..	27 00
	25.	G. S. Wentworth.....	3 00
Dec.	1.	R. O. Harris.....	3 00
	14.	Unitarian Society.....	5 00
	15.	Uncle Tom's Cabin.....	10 00
	16.	E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr	30 00
	19.	Temperance lecture.....	2 50
	25.	Unitarian Society.....	5 00
	28.	High School.....	5 00

1881.

Jan.	1.	Unitarian Society.....	6 00
	31.	E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr.....	48 00
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			\$286 97

1880.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid—

March	1.	Elijah Hinckley.....	\$3 00
April	1.	John Hobart.....	3 00
May	2.	Isadus Fuller.....	19 50
June	19.	John Hobart.....	1 10
July	9.	Gammons & Nutter	5 18
Aug.	9.	I. N. Nutter.....	75
Oct.	1.	Isadus Fuller.....	11 00
Nov.	1.	Isadus Fuller.....	11 50
Dec.	1.	Isadus Fuller	19 00
	14.	Joshua Dean.....	7 00

1881.

Jan.	1.	Gammons & Nutter.....	21 85
	1.	Isadus Fuller.....	16 00

Amount carried forward..... \$118 88

	<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$118 88
Feb.	1. Minot S. Curtis, painting hall.....	106 00
	1. S. L. Ryder, building staging.....	20 00
	1. Rogers & Sheldon.....	1 55
	1. Frank Smith.....	1 25
	1. Gammons & Nutter.....	4 43
	1. Isadus Fuller.....	14 00
	1. Joshua Dean.....	4 39
	1. Frank Smith, Secretary of Committee..	10 00
	1. Cash on hand.....	6 47

\$286 97

JOSHUA DEAN, {
 I. N. NUTTER, } *Committee.*
 FRANK SMITH. }

This is to certify that we have examined the foregoing account of the Town Hall Committee, and find the items thereof properly entered and vouched for.

J. E. WATERMAN, }
 C. H. EDSON, } *Auditors.*
 L. W. RICHARDS. }

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

Thirty-four marriages have been recorded during the year 1880.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
1880.	
Jan. 1.	S. Albert Sturtevant of East Bridgewater and Lydia A. Lang of Brockton. By Rev. Samuel L. Beal.
Jan. 1.	George W. Robbins of Stoughton and Deborah T. Inglee of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Feb. 22.	Ira C. Tinkham and Florence M. Trow, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April 3.	Charles Walter Pratt and Ella A. Wade, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April 6.	James W. Sayles and Anna B. McCarty, both of Somerset. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April 15.	John C. Underwood of East Bridgewater and Rachel L. Lawrence of Boston. By Rev. A. B. Kendig.
April 21.	Robert O. Harris of East Bridgewater and Josephine D. Gorton of Newport, R. I. By Rev. G. J. Magill.
April 21.	A. Harris Latham and Harriet J. Griffin, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April 22.	Peter C. Keith of Easton and Mary Lubey of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
May 2.	Robert J. Mitchell and Mary A. Flynn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. H. Gushee.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
May 28.	Frank W. McCarter and Caroline H. Vosmus, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
June 10.	John T. Paine of Wakefield and Hannah H. Taft of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Joseph Jenks.
June 19.	Daniel Hines of Hanson and Lucy J. Howe of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Joshua L. Gay.
June 24.	Michael Sullivan of West Bridgewater and Mary A. Doody of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
July 4.	Albert W. Holmes of Bridgewater and Lydia A. Gardner of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
July 21.	Everett N. Richardson of East Bridgewater and Lillie C. Gardner of Brockton. By Rev. W. J. Smith.
Sept. 12.	John H. Montague and Lizzie W. Clapp, both of South Abington. By Robert O. Harris, Esq.
Sept. 19.	Albert G. Bloomstrand and Ida F. Vosmus, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Jacob Baker.
Sept. 19.	Granville C. Monroe of East Bridgewater and Nellie F. Wilson of Hanson. By Rev. E. Alden, Jr.
Sept. 23.	George C. Estes and Emma H. Keith, both of Hanson. By Rev. W. J. Smith.
Sept. 26.	James Dillon and Annie Winn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Oct. 14.	Lot Campbell and Mary A. Garvey, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Oct. 19.	Daniel L. Reed of South Abington and Lucia A. Whitman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Oct. 20.	Nahum Poole and Rebecca T. Gavett, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. M. J. Savage.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
Oct. 23.	George M. Monroe and Ella J. Nash, both of Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Oct. 24.	James H. Sampson of South Abington and Ida Josephine Willis of Hanson. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Oct. 31.	Patrick N. Curley and Ellen Roach, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Nov. 4.	Edmund L. Weston of Bridgewater and Susan E. Ward of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Nov. 20.	James N. Sweeting and Diana Allen, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Joshua L. Gay.
Nov. 24.	Howard Paine and Mary Frances Cook, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
Nov. 24.	Chalmers T. Piper of Brockton and Lucy A. Kingman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Caleb T. Piper.
Nov. 25.	Edward B. Curtis of East Bridgewater and Annie G. Hagan of Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Dec. 22.	Frank Humble of South Abington and Georgiana Keith of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Frank P. Tompkins.
Dec. 24.	Henry M. Howard of Brockton and Sarah B. Dunbar of East Bridgewater.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

*BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1880.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1880.		
Jan. 9,	Allen Thomas Whitman,	Ezekiel and Emma J.
" 28,	Katherine Field Millet,	Francis D. and Elizabeth M.
Feb. 1,	Minnie A. Skillings,	George E. and A. M. B.
" 4,	—— Dunbar,	Horace P. and Ellen F.
March 8,	Albert Francis Raymond,	Charles W. and Etta J.
" 18,	Florence Newton Churchill,	Frank N. and Florence W.
May 1,	James Burke,	Michael and Ellen.
" 12,	Florence Cavanaugh,	David and Alice E.
" 17,	Patrick Feeney,	Michael and Mary.
" 31,	Lizzie Hennessey,	Michael and Catharine.
June 1,	Annie Cunningham,	James and Bridget.
" 9,	Thomas Joseph Timmons,	James and Catharine.
" 11,	Annie Maria Carroll,	John W. and Annie.
July 9,	Edward Francis Hagan,	Peter and Mary A.
" 30,	Sarah Cornish Bourne,	Isaac N. and Martha J.
Aug. 5,	Joseph Anthony Carroll,	Patrick F. and Bridget.
" 19,	Maria Bates Harden,	Albert and Elizabeth T.
Sept. 4,	Albena Micheaux,	Joseph and Hermaline.
" 25,	Anna Bernier,	Firren and Mary.
Oct. 18,	Arthur Chadwick Atwood,	Charles L. and Ellen I.
Nov. 2,	Maggie Hill,	William J. and Susan.
" 17,	Mary Foley,	Patrick and Mary.
" 20,	Harrold Bassett Shaw,	Lester B. and Huldah M.
Dec. 13,	Clara Josephine Peaslee,	Hiram A. and Katie.
" 14,	—— Bunker,	Theodore E. and Anna.
" 19,	Tim David Napoleon Bodon,	Tim and Demeries.
" 20,	Martin Dillon,	James and Annie.
" 24,	Clifford Alton Eddy,	Allen P. and Arrah V.
" 26,	—— Van Amringe,	George C. and Thankful H.
" 27,	—— Sherman,	A. W. and M. W.
1879.		
April 17,	Maud Coleman Swift,	Herbert A. and Nellie T.
1878.		
Oct. 6,	Rose Anna Hagan,	Peter and Mary A.
" 20,	Forrest Barton Bates,	Albert and Lucretia L.

Whole number of births in 1880.....	30
Males.....	14
Females.....	16
Of foreign parentage.....	13

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

*DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1880.*

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES	AGE.			DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1880.					
Jan. 12.	Eliza A. Pratt,	59	5	22	Consumption.
13,	James Condrick,	38	—	—	Accidental.
22,	Jeannett Reed,	78	5	12	Apoplexy.
26,	Imogene D. Dunphe,	41	6	28	Schirrus of Spleen.
27,	Simeon Wood.	70	10	4	Paralysis.
30,	Charlotte C. Allen,	30	—	28	Oedema of Lungs.
Feb. 4,	Jeannett Edson,	85	—	—	Paralysis.
8,	Hannah Lothrop,	94	9	5	Old Age.
11,	Sophronia Carter,	83	—	17	Consumption.
12,	— Dunbar,	—	—	8	Peritonitis.
23,	Mary L. Keith,	68	6	16	Heart Disease.
24,	George W. Blanchard,	66	9	15	Chronic Prostatitis.
26,	Hannah L. Foley,	65	—	—	Old Age.
27,	Patrick W. Foley,	1	5	15	Abscess of Brain.
March 1,	Augusta B. Keith,	40	10	28	Tumor.
26,	Fanny B. Parker,	59	9	—	Tumor.
29,	Phebe S. Fisher,	66	7	24	Spinal Sclerosis.
April 2,	Heman Keith,	83	4	27	Old Age.
2,	Harriet N. Chandler,	55	10	16	Chronic Myelitis.
24,	Robert Curtis,	80	7	16	Bright's Disease.
26,	Nathaniel Porter,	74	10	23	Bright's Disease.
29,	Charles Rogers,	80	6	28	Old Age.
May 6,	Flora May Briggs,	11	2	3	Consumption.
6,	Edward Ropes,	70	—	—	Old Age.
29,	Mary Reed,	28	10	16	Dropsy.
June 13.	Joseph Chamberlain,	88	6	—	Old Age.
13,	Grace Winslow Sprague,	—	9	3	Meningitis.
30,	Seth Harden,	50	9	—	Spinal Sclerosis.
July 3,	Zebina Keith,	85	6	—	Old Age.
20,	Eunice Brown.	88	5	18	Old Age.
21,	Ezra Whitmarsh,	71	7	3	Stoppage.
28,	Baalis Sanford,	79	—	21	Bright's Disease.
Aug. 16,	Lucina Mitchell,	78	—	—	Chronic Rheumatism.
Sept. 6,	Charity B. Soule,	89	3	—	Old Age.
19,	George E. Ryder,	45	11	7	Gastritis.
22,	Luther W. Phillips.	55	11	24	Congestion of Lungs.
Oct. 9,	Solomon Millett,	86	6	29	Organic Disease of
20,	Cushing White,	58	3	—	Apoplexy. [Stomach.
21,	Thomas H. Cummings,	68	—	—	Heart Disease.
25,	Charles M. Short,	21	6	—	Typhoid Fever.
Dec. 1,	Robert Mitchell,	54	—	—	Heart Disease.
4,	Cynthia A. Morey,	75	4	4	Old Age.
9,	Dulcina Keith,	86	—	—	Pneumonia.
31,	Mary Foley,	—	1	14	Spasms.

Whole number of deaths in 1880..... 44

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—OF THE—

Town of East Bridgewater

—FOR—

1880-81.



PLYMOUTH :
AVERY & DOTEN, STEAM BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS.
1881.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the last annual Town Meeting Mr. F. S. Strong was re-elected a member of the School Committee for a term of three years.

The Board was organized by the choice of F. S. Strong as Chairman, R. O. Harris as Secretary, and E. W. Nutter as Treasurer.

The schools were assigned for supervision as follows :

To Mr. Strong, the Central Grammar and the schools at Elmwood and Satucket.

To Mr. Harris, the High School and the schools at Beaver, Northville, Eastville and Curtisville.

To Mr. Nutter, the North, East, and West Primaries, and the Intermediate.

The Committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition and needs of the public schools :

Upon comparing the records of the schools with the enumeration of children of school age residing in town on the first of May, we find that the proportion of children not attending is small. As the reasons for the non-attendance of most of these are good ones, it is evident that the laws of the State upon this subject are generally

complied with. But one case of infraction of the laws in regard to the employment of children has come to the knowledge of the Committee, and in that case measures were taken resulting in the return of the child to school.

The school by-laws adopted at the last annual Town Meeting were subsequently approved by the Court, and are now in force.

The Committee have as yet had no occasion to proceed under them.

Their adoption prevented the forfeiture of our share of the income of the school fund.

We give below a list of teachers employed during the past year, and their respective schools :

High School.....	{ WYMAN C. FICKETT, <i>Principal</i> . MISS JENNY E. CHANDLER, <i>Assistant</i> .
Central Grammar.	{ H. W. KITTREDGE, <i>Principal</i> . MISS SARA E. WILBAR, <i>Assistant</i> . E. W. NUTTER, <i>Principal</i>
Intermediate.....	MISS SARA E. WILBAR.
North Primary...	{ MISS ANNIE KEITH. MISS AGNES VOIGHT.
East Primary.....	MISS ANN W. HARDEN.
West Primary.....	MISS LUCY H. KEITH.
Elmwood Grammar..	MISS M. M. LEONARD.
Elmwood Primary...	MISS LORA G. KINGMAN.
Satucket.....	MISS M. JENNIE WHITMAN.
Curtisville	MISS ELLEN M. BUTTOMER.
Eastville	{ MISS LURA WHITMARSH. MISS FRANCES I. LEACH.
Northville	MISS FANNIE M. GURNEY.

Beaver Grammar... { MISS ANNIE E. ENGLISH.
MISS LURA WHITMARSH.

Beaver Primary... { MISS LUCY A. KINGMAN.
MISS LURA BURRILL.

It will be seen by the above list that the number of changes during the year has been smaller than in either of the three years next preceding.

The disadvantages of frequent changes of teachers have been fully set out in former reports, and need not be repeated here.

Paying as we do small salaries, we are generally obliged to employ inexperienced teachers, and that is, of course, a disadvantage.

To overcome all these difficulties, the Committee have lately adopted a system which promises well.

Desiring that our own High School shall furnish us teachers, we require all graduates wishing to teach, to visit some school regularly for a certain time, observe the methods of the teacher, and assist in the management of the school.

Another year we propose to require all graduates wishing to teach, to apply to the Committee at the beginning of the year. The Committee will then assign each applicant to a school and require her to attend for a prescribed period and act as assistant to the teacher in charge.

The young teacher fails generally through lack of knowledge of children, and not for want of book knowledge. Too frequently she falls into the error of expect-

ing too much of her young charges, and, upon their failing to advance as rapidly as she thinks they ought, she is apt to think them dull and idle, and to resort to coercion. Such a course always results in evil to both teacher and taught, and retards rather than hastens progress. Children may be led when they cannot be driven, and this is one of the first lessons for the young teacher to learn. By being under some experienced and successful teacher for a term, she will learn how to manage children, and get the most work out of them by means of gentle methods.

We believe our graduates will avail themselves of this system for these reasons: They will be able to obtain schools in their own town and live at home; should they prefer to go elsewhere, they can obtain from the Committee a certificate of service that will enable them to obtain schools which might otherwise be refused them on the ground of inexperience.

The town will be benefited in this that, we shall have a corps of teachers constantly at hand to draw from, trained in our schools, thus avoiding the closing of schools in cases of sickness of teachers, and delays in opening schools, caused by difficulty in obtaining teachers in the middle of the school year, in cases of resignation.

High School.

At the close of the last school year, a class of ten completed the prescribed course of study, and were awarded diplomas by the Committee.

The graduating exercises were very interesting, and, as usual, attracted a large number of friends of the school.

The names of the graduating class are as follows :

Carrie M. Brett,	Lura J. Burrell,
Lizzie F. Clark,	Nellie M. Chandler,
Katie L. Doody,	Bertha A. Nash,
Sadie D. Noyes,	Hattie C. Sampson,
Sam A. Keith,	Charles C. Wing.

Twenty-eight candidates for admission to the High School presented themselves at the annual examination in July. Of these, seventeen answered correctly over sixty per cent. of the questions prepared for them and were admitted. Of the seventeen, four only answered seventy-five per cent., or over, of the questions, and were admitted unconditionally.

At the beginning of the present year the Committee allowed pupils from mixed schools who failed of admission to the High School in July, to attend the Central Grammar School. We believe this policy should be pursued in the future, because a pupil can pursue his studies to better advantage in a graded school, and can receive more personal attention from his teacher than in a mixed school.

The Committee have adopted seventy-five per cent. as the standard for unconditional admission, and from seventy-five per cent. to sixty-five per cent. as the range for conditional admission. Circumstances were such last year that the Committee deemed it wise to relax a little,

and admitted some who were a trifle below sixty-five per cent. We did it unwillingly, for we dislike to depart from our standard, and shall not do so another year. We consider sixty-five per cent. as low enough, and believe that a scholar who cannot answer correctly that per cent. of the questions, cannot be sufficiently well grounded to warrant his taking up the branches of study taught in the High School.

The rule of the Committee that, any pupil who, during the first term of membership falls fifteen per cent. below the average of his class shall be returned to the school from which he came, seems to have acted as a stimulus, for not one of those admitted has failed to keep well within the prescribed limit.

The number of pupils now attending is divided among four classes, as follows :

Senior	9
Sub-senior	8
Middle	16
Junior	16
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Total	49

Some changes should be made in the course of study to meet the requirements of those who do not wish to, or cannot, take the full four years' course.

Intermediate.

The Committee have established a new school in the addition to the High School building. This school numbers fifty-seven pupils, fully as many as the room can ac-

commodate comfortably. Some twenty pupils will pass from the school into the Central Grammar next year. A school of this grade has long been needed, and its establishment has relieved our over-crowded Primaries, and will render our schools much more efficient.

Primaries.

The Primary schools should be especially well looked after and cared for, for it is in them that the foundations are laid in the child's mind on which to build his house of knowledge. As this foundation is well or ill-laid, so will the knowledge afterwards acquired be perfect and accurate, or full of flaws and treacherous. Any departure from a set course of study and training that will give a variety, and create an interest in the child in his study should be allowed and encouraged.

The modern methods of teaching have many valuable features. Their tendency is to depart from the old text-book system, and use the natural interest of a child in surrounding objects as a means of education.

While the Committee would by no means advocate the introduction of the Quincy method, so called, to its full extent, we think that some of its features might be adopted. Children are apt to weary of, and lose their interest in a text-book with which they have become familiar. Could a teacher use one reader, say for a term, and then exchange with another teacher for a different set, the interest of the children would be kept alive by this frequent change of matter for study.

Some of the admirable magazines for children might be subscribed for, and a few of the various objects used in primary teaching might be purchased at a small cost.

Some towns now furnish all the books and material used in the schools. This system has some advantages; it insures a uniformity of books in the schools; there is no delay caused by children not being provided with all their books at the beginning of the year or term; and changes of books can be made more easily and with less expense.

The books are not, of course, given to the scholars, but are owned by the town and are passed from class to class. The burden of expense is, of course, shifted by this system, and is borne in part by those who have no direct interest in the schools.

It adds a few cents to each man's tax, but lightens the expense to a poor man with several children.

The Committee do not recommend the adoption of this system.

They do, however, suggest the appropriation of a small sum for the purchase of some readers and other school material, and believe money so used would be money well used.

Condition of Schools.

All our schools are at present in a satisfactory condition, and our corps of teachers is a good one.

Our standard of scholarship is as high as that of any of the surrounding towns, except perhaps Brockton and one

or two of the larger towns. Our average of scholarship is as good as that of most of the towns in the County. we believe.

The relations between the teachers and pupils are in all cases of the pleasantest, as far as the Committee have any knowledge.

Tests.

The Committee have adopted a system of tests, which seems to work well. Once in each term we send out to each school having pupils of the first Grammar grade a set of questions upon each of the studies pursued, the questions being the same for all the schools. The papers of the scholars are sent in to the Committee and by them examined. The questions being prepared and the answers marked by one and the same hand, there is but one standard of marking, and consequently greater uniformity, and no chance for the personal bias of a teacher to affect the result.

Under this system, a school, or a single scholar, below the average grade is at once known, and the attention of teachers can be directed to weak points.

The Committee keep a record of the results of these tests, and the rank of each school or pupil can at once be seen, and progress or the lack of it known.

The system, although in use only one year, has proved so useful that we hope it may be continued in the future.

Condition of Property.

The Committee had available for repairs at the beginning of the year, a liberal amount of money, but we were compelled to expend so much in order to put the High School building in condition for use, that we deemed it advisable to let some of the larger repairs go over until another year.

It will be necessary to paint the house at Eastville, and to shingle the house at Curtisville another year.

At Beaver a new out-building is needed. The West Primary building still stands and is in use, but it is needless to say it has grown no better or more healthful by another year's occupation. That it will have to be replaced is certain, and the sooner it is done the better pleased will be the inhabitants of that district, and the Committee.

The blackboards in nearly all the buildings are in poor condition, and some provision must be made for their improvement.

At the Beaver Primary entire new boards are needed, as the present ones cannot be used, and are partly fallen out.

Water.

At the High School no water is to be had from the well, and the same is true at Northville. It is useless to try and keep the pumps in repair. The only true, and the most economical method, is to carry pipes from the wells, inside the buildings. This should be done first at the High School, as there are in that building three large schools, and it is very difficult to obtain water for so many from a distance, and water is a necessity.

Stoves.

Most of the buildings are now heated by means of air-tight stoves, but the Committee believe that the heating can be better and more economically accomplished with coal stoves, and that, as the present stoves become used up, they should be replaced by coal stoves.

Estimates.

The liberal appropriation for school purposes made by the Town has enabled the Committee to keep the school year at thirty-six weeks, and leave a small unexpended balance in the treasury ; but as the income from the State fund and other sources is gradually falling off, no reduction in this appropriation can safely be made.

The following are the estimated sums named for the support of schools :

School purposes.....	\$5,000 00
Incidentals.....	250 00
Repairs.....	350 00
Books and material.....	50 00

The following tables show the number of children of school age in town on the first of May ; the number attending and the attendance of each school.

The results given are obtained in accordance with the new rule of the Board of Education.

F. S. STRONG,	} <i>School</i>
E. W. NUTTER,	
R. O. HARRIS,	

Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 19, 1881.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Number of children between the ages of five and fifteen years in Town on the 1st of May...	477
Number attending school	462
Number over fifteen attending school.....	31
Average number belonging to the public schools for the year	477
Average number attending the public schools for the year	446

NAME OF SCHOOL.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of Average Attendance.
High School	49.5	48	96
Central Grammar.....	49	46	95.5
Elmwood Grammar.....	22	21	94
Beaver Grammar.....	30	27	89.5
Intermediate.....	55	52	92
North Primary.....	41	36	87
East Primary.....	42.5	37.5	87
West Primary.....	45	39	91
Beaver Primary.....	28.5	25	89.5
Elmwood Primary.....	27	24	89
Eastville.....	23	20	88
Northville	29.5	28	93.5
Curtisville	19.5	18.5	94.5
Satucket.....	16	14	87

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation	\$5,000 00
Received from State Treasurer.....	187 56
Received from County Treasurer.....	133 74
Received from Town of West Bridgewater.....	82 55
Amount available.....	\$5,403 85

*EXPENDITURES.**Teaching.*

Paid—	
W. C. Fickett.....	\$866 25
Jenny E. Chandler.....	326 00
L. W. Richards.....	25 00
H. W. Kittredge.....	132 00
E. W. Nutter.....	189 20
Sara E. Wilbar.....	224 40
Annie M. Keith.....	69 00
Agnes A. Voigt.....	111 60
Ann W. Harden ..	214 20
Mary M. Leonard.....	222 60
Lora G. Kingman.....	190 80
M. Jennie Whitman.....	215 60
Ellen M. Buttomer.....	215 60
Fannie M. Gurney.....	215 60
Annie E. English.....	108 00
Lura Whitmarsh.....	235 20
Lucy A. Kingman.....	142 80
Lura Burrill.....	42 00
Frances I. Leach.....	131 60
Lucy H. Keith..	214 20
Amount of orders drawn.....	\$4,091 65
Amount to be drawn at end of present term....	794 75
	\$4,886 40

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mrs. Kate Barrett.....	\$24 00
E. W. Nutter.....	1 50
Ann W. Harden.....	6 00
Mrs. Jotham Nute	3 00
Annie M. Keith.	3 00
Agnes A. Voigt	3 00
Sabin N. Scribner.....	3 00
Cecil C. Hoyt..	3 00
Albert A. Tilden.....	3 00
Albert B. Edson ...	3 00
M. Jennie Whitman...	3 00
Willie F. Fisher.....	3 00
Ellen M. Buttomer.....	6 00
Lura Whitmarsh. ...	3 00
Frances I. Leach..	3 00
Fannie M. Gurney.....	6 00
Alice and Elmer Whitmarsh..	4 50
Lura Whitmarsh	3 00
Lucy A. Kingman.....	6 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning.....	20 45
Mrs. Mary Winn, cleaning	8 85
Mrs. George Sites, cleaning	6 00
Mary A. Fisher, cleaning	3 50
Asena Vickery, cleaning.....	3 00
A. Frances Pratt, cleaning ...	3 00
Mrs. Lorinda Pratt, cleaning	3 00
Mrs. S. V. Chandler.....	5 00
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Amount of orders drawn.....	\$142 80
Amount to be drawn at end of term.....	90 25
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	\$233 05

FUEL AND PREPARING.

John Hobart, coal	\$124 35
Joshua Dean, coal.....	11 62
Bosworth Bros., wood.....	88 03
Galen Latham, wood	12 62
Ernest W. Lindsey.....	4 00
E. S. Davenport	6 70
Hiram Peasley..	10 50
John W. Harden	2 82
Isaac Lincoln.....	8 00
J. C. Pratt.....	4 00
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	\$272 64

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes...	\$5,403 85
Paid for teaching.....	\$4,091 65
Paid for care of houses	142 80
Paid for fuel and preparing....	272 64
Amount payable at end of term.....	885 00
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	\$5,392 09
Unexpended balance	11 76
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	\$5,403 85

REPAIRS.

Paid—	
C. H. Goss, boards	\$1 65
S. L. Seaver, labor.....	1 25
Gammons & Nutter, furnace, etc....	350 08
Samuel R. Newhall, labor.....	4 20
Isadus Fuller, labor	26 21
Boston School Supply Company, slating.....	7 00
John M. Whiting, labor.....	14 40
J. G. Knapp, labor.....	3 00
Carver Cotton Gin Company, labor.....	11 61

F. S. Strong, grading	\$12 88
Minot S. Curtis, slating and blackboards.	13 01
Michael Feeny, labor	9 35
John H. Vosmus, labor	2 50
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Appropriation	\$457 14
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Expended in excess of appropriation	57 14

INCIDENTALS.

J. H. Potter, cleaning clock	1 00
W. C. Fickett, books.	9 85
Oscar E. Howe, brooms	3 50
J. L. Hammett, ink, etc	18 50
R. M. Yale & Co., awning, etc	4 50
H. L. Waterman, tacking school census	18 00
W. C. Fickett, diplomas	3 25
J. Eliot Bond, curtain	9 00
Jarvis Burrell, printing	12 65
Boston School Supply Company, books, etc	75 75
John Carter & Co., ink	4 80
F. S. Strong, thermometers	1 25
H. H. Carter, paper	4 70
I. N. Nutter, books, etc	35 84
Alger & Co.'s Express	8 05
E. W. Nutter, "Nurseries"	6 60
A. G. Whitcomb, furniture	22 50
J. E. Waterman, carting, etc	1 67
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	\$241 41
Unexpended balance.	58 59
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Appropriation	\$300 00

E. W. NUTTER, *Treasurer of School Committee.*

FEBRUARY 19, 1881.

TO THE Citizens of East Bridgewater.

The Chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Poor having made no report of the condition of the Almshouse, the following report of the Physician the past year is submitted for your careful consideration :

To the Overseers of the Poor :

Gentlemen:—One year ago I tried to make to you a truthful if not a lengthy report of my observations of the Almshouse and its inmates, and I should not now feel that I do my whole duty if I failed to give you some idea of what has transpired during the past year in that house, and what are its needs, and also what more should be done to make the place what the law contemplates, not only a place where a bare sustenance is doled out to such as are so unfortunate as to be sent there, but a place where their comfort and every possible improvement is duly considered and secured to every inmate.

In the removal of the old barn and the filthy yard a great improvement has been made in the sanitary surroundings of the houses, but not all has been accomplished that should be. Some better provision should be made for the sink drain and the privy ; a privy immediately connected with a house cannot be too carefully constructed and ventilated to prevent contamination of the premises with foul gases, which are often the cause of very grave diseases.

The internal arrangement of the house and the facilities of warming it are not such as old, infirm and insane people require for their comfort. For instance, the room occupied by Mr. Savory, on the north side of the house, exposed to the cold north wind and a temperature below zero, with no means of warming it and separated from the other rooms in which fires are kept, by a long alley, cannot be a comfortable place for such a person, and in my opinion is not a suitable one.

The house is wanting in any suitable means of ventilation, and consequently the rooms soon become foul when occupied, especially the two rooms at the end of the inmates dining-room, one of which

was lately occupied by Miss Mitchell, which I have frequently entered when it seemed almost impossible to breathe in them. The house should be properly ventilated and then heated by steam, so that every inmates room could be warmed as far as his comfort and condition required without danger of fire. Would it be passing strange if Mr. Savory moved by the intense cold of his room on some one of those terrible nights should conclude to make a fire of his bed of straw, which would almost surely end the troubles of every inmate and perhaps also the keepers family.

Of the inmates that were in the house one year ago, Billy Rush and Miss Mitchell have died, the former of organic disease of the stomach probably of recent date, and the latter from chronic rheumatism of many years standing, which produced great deformity and suffering. The other inmates (except the two children who have been removed) remain, and one Mrs. Hayden has been added. Mrs. H. is a very old lady, suffering from incurable, internal disease, which renders her almost helpless, and is also blind, little or nothing can be done for her by medical treatment, and I regret that I cannot say that I am satisfied with the arrangements for her care. As the other female inmates are neither of them competent to attend to her wants, one being an epileptic, another an imbecile, and a third insane; the imbecile is placed in the old ladys room to sleep on a cot, and Mr. Wright is delegated to take care of her days.

Of the five old men who were inmates a year ago, little is to be said as little change has taken place in their status the past year. It however, seems to me possible to improve them in one respect, and that is to teach them to avoid profanity to each other and to the keepers

If this is

physician has nothing to do, I beg pardon for mentioning it.

Of the other female inmates besides Mrs. Hayden of whom I have spoken. Mrs. Keene, the epileptic, is of course slowly growing more and more unable to take care of herself and will sooner or later become idiotic, or die of some acute disease; Miss Dunbar has not changed as I can see since she came to the house Mrs. Edson one year ago, in the opinion of the matron was able under proper direction to earn her living, now she is so insane that no one could mistake her condition. Three weeks ago I had the honor to address you a note giving my deliberate opinion of her condition and what should be done with her. While I am fully conscious of my liability to err in any case of insanity and its cause, in this case I am ready to stand by the opinion then given and urge upon you immediate action in her case. I have seen nothing since that time that has changed my opinion in the least, I have been informed by two physicians in town that they have visited Mrs. Edson, by the request of one of your board since that time. I regret that I could not have the common professional courtesy of a notice of those visits and an invitation to be present, but I do not understand from them that they differ from me in the opinion of her insanity, and I hardly see how it is possible that we should differ in opinion as to the cause. I wish to speak in plain language on this subject. I have no hate of Mrs. Edson in consequence of her faults or misfortunes either inherited or acquired. I know that there are few people who cannot look back upon faults they have committed through longer periods than one moment of intoxicating passion. I am also firmly grounded in one point of professional ethics. That in our professional duties we can know

no saint or sinner. I am sure that our Almshouse is no place to try to improve Mrs. Edson, on the contrary it is the very place to render her condition hopeless. I believe she has a fair chance for improvement and I am bound by every principle of humanity and professional honor to do all in my power to assist her to obtain the means of recovery if possible. Hoping that she may be restored to her right mind and this terrible misfortune lifted from her.

Yours respectfully,

ASA MILLET.

The letter referred to in the above report was as follows:

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Jan. 4, 1881.

To the Overseers of the Poor:—

GENTLEMEN:—I feel that I have delayed longer than I ought, to call your attention especially to Mrs. Ellen Edson, one of the inmates of the Almshouse. I had not particularly noticed her for some time till yesterday, although I always inquire for every one in the house when I call there. I was very strongly impressed with the opinion that if any thing was to be done to save her from hopeless insanity it should be done immediately and better have been done before. The place where she is, is not a suitable one to keep any insane person whose recovery is not absolutely impossible. And in her case all the surroundings and recollections of the place tend directly to make her more insane and put her beyond the reasonable hope of recovery.

I therefore must respectfully represent to you that in my opinion her removal to some place where she can be properly treated, is imperatively demanded.

Respectfully Yours, &c.,

ASA MILLET.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, APRIL 11, 1881.

Your Committee chosen March 14th, "to examine into the sanitary condition of the Alms House and the treatment of the poor therein, also as to the Cost of Supporting the Poor," have attended to their duties, and now submit their report:---

Our almshouse has been built about twenty years; it is in fair condition as to repairs, but not fully adapted in all respects to the present wants of the inmates, 9 in number besides the warden's family. Two rooms on the lower floor occupied by Mrs. Keene and Mrs. Ellen Edson are very small, less than seven feet by eleven, without means of ventilation except by the windows, and were found in an unsatisfactory condition, especially Mrs. Keene's. The nature of her disease is such as to require frequent change of bedding, fresh air, and constant care. Both apartments open from the sitting and dining room used by the paupers, and are warmed by a stove therein. The foulness of the air is increased by the presence of so many persons in this connecting room and was found on our first visit, the evening of our appointment, almost intolerable. Some means of ventilation should be provided. We think of no better mode at present than by flues connected with the narrow hall or alley, which extends through the house to the wood-shed and open air.

On the north side of the alley are situated the kitchen and two good sized rooms, one of which is occupied by Mr. Savory; this room is not warmed, but as he has had free access to the sitting-room and other parts of the house during the day and evening, he does not appear to have suffered from cold the past winter.

The committee recommend that one of these rooms be opened into the alley, and a large coal stove be placed therein which would warm all that portion of the house, including Savory's room. This space might be used as a common sitting-room for the male inmates, and also as a passage out doors, thus rendering less difficult than now the separation of the sexes when necessary.

Much annoyance has been experienced by the presence of the male inmates in the kitchen or cook room, which has been used as a passage way.

The chambers are of ample size, and partly warmed in winter. Some are probably hot in summer, the house being one-and-a-half stories in height. Each room should be ventilated from the central hall; this can easily be done by swinging windows over the doors, and will then be well adapted to the wants of the inmates.

Mrs. Hayden, a very old lady, blind and almost helpless, together with Miss Sybil Dunbar, an imbecile, occupies one of the chambers on the south side. She should be provided with a more comfortable place during the hot season. Mr. Wright has had some care of these persons during the day, carrying food and tending fire. He has lately been locked in his own room nights, at our request. This man is, without doubt, able to work, and should not be wholly supported by the town.

We again take occasion to urge the

separation of men and women in our almshouse.

Mrs. Edson's case calls for special notice. Physicians agree on her insanity, and that her malady requires her removal and seclusion from the male inmates, but that she should not be placed under close restraint. Her transfer to an insane asylum is not considered necessary or desirable, if proper provision can be made for her protection and seclusion under the particular care of the matron, or with friends in a private family. We have already forwarded to the *Overseers of the Poor* the following vote, passed Apr. 4, 1881:

"We, as a Committee of Investigation into the management of the alms house, would respectfully, but earnestly, recommend that Mrs. Edson be removed to some other part of the house; that the evils now existing may cease at once." (Signed by all the members of the Committee.)

Should no room be found for her at the west end of the house, occupied by the Warden's family, we advise the construction of a suitable place in that part of the building.

The erection of a new barn, by order of the town the past year, and transfer of the cattle and hog yards to a greater distance, have removed some of the causes of complaint made in the physician's report last year. The Overseers have sought to remedy the evils connected with sink drainage by conveying the waste through underground pipes to a capacious, covered cesspool.

We apprehend trouble from this arrangement on the approach of hot weather, as there is no valve or trap to prevent poisonous gases from entering the house through the sink. There should be an outlet to the open air or kitchen chimney.

The privy is connected with the woodshed adjoining the house. We recommend that it be placed a sufficient distance back to allow a free circulation of air between it and the main building.

The inmates are well supplied with food and clothing. The matron is kind and considerate of their wants, but has not sufficient help to give the attention needed in all cases. We must express the opinion that our almshouse is rather scantily furn-

ished. The lack of reading matter is especially noticeable.

Let us not forget that these people have other wants besides the mere sustenance of the body. Our almshouse should be made for them as pleasant and homelike as is consistent with the purposes of its establishment. We hope more attention will be paid to their moral improvement.

Complaints have been made public of the excessive profanity of some of the inmates. This vice may have been encouraged by the example of the Chairman of the board of Overseers. It appears that he has also been in the habit, with others, of trifling with the inmates, teasing them and playing tricks upon them. Such conduct towards our town's poor cannot be too severely censured, and is beneath the dignity of a town official. The habit of allowing persons to congregate at the almshouse for the purpose of sport with the inmates, or listening to the sayings of an insane man, is not justifiable.

The law requires (see General Statutes, Chap. 70, Sec. 2) that the Overseers of the Poor *shall* see that their paupers are suitably employed, either in the workhouse or almshouse, or in such other manner as the city or town directs, or otherwise at the direction of said Overseers.

Now your committee are unanimous in the opinion that one of the most, if not *the* most, effectual means of improving and ameliorating the mental, moral and physical condition of the inmates is to keep them employed; and that the Overseers should see to it that they be furnished with suitable employment; and that each able-bodied pauper be required to perform a certain amount of labor daily; and that they exercise their official authority to the extreme extent of the law to compel, if need be, a compliance with their requisition.

And we recommend that the Overseers be directed to procure a copy, in large print, of the above section relating to labor, and cause the same to be posted in some conspicuous place in the almshouse, so that the inmates, as well as the warden, may be apprized of the law, and the requirements of the Overseers.

The cost of supporting the poor in the almshouse is not fully represented by the figures in the Overseers' report, and cannot now be definitely ascertained. This is not so much the fault of the present board of Overseers as of the system which has been followed for several years. The interest on capital invested in the farm, buildings, stock, &c., not now valued, should be added in order to find the actual cost of supporting the poor. This amount of capital varies from year to year, according as the property is increased in value by improvements, or diminished by use and exhaustion, and can only be determined by annual valuations.

We think the town should require a more detailed account of the almshouse. We have found an error in favor of the town of fifteen dollars and seventy-three cents, and the money traced to a table drawer in the house of the Chairman of Overseers. This amount was paid to him March 30th, 1880, by a former warden. Now, if the town had required a detailed statement, it is probable this money would have been thought of and credited to the

town, but as no such account is required, we see no reason why this money should not have laid in the drawer, perhaps for years, and in case of death of the Chairman, if ever found, who would have known where the money belonged?

The Overseers, with the exception of the chairman, reside at a distance from the almshouse. Upon the efficiency of the warden, therefore, must depend largely the condition, treatment and cost of supporting the poor. The present warden and matron, Mr. Blackwell and his wife, contracted the past year to perform their duties, including making the inmates' clothing, for the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, and pay their own domestic help. If a reasonable advance in salary would secure a warden of greater experience, capable of conducting the farm more profitably, it would in the end be economy to the town.

(Signed,)

JAMES S. ALLEN, CHAS. A. LATHAM, CHAS. E. FIELD, M.D. SAMUEL KEITH, L. WATTS RICHARDS,	} Committee.
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FIFTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF—

EAST BRIDGEWATER

—FOR THE—

Financial Year Ending February 1st,

1882.

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PLYMOUTH :
AVERY & DOTEN, BOOK AND JOB PRINTERS,
1882.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1881.

TOWN CLERK.

FRANK SMITH.

TREASURER.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

COLLECTOR.

GEORGE A. WHEELER.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

E. S. WHITMARSH,

HENRY GURNEY,

ELIAB LATHAM.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FREDERIC S. STRONG,

E. W. NUTTER,

ROBERT O. HARRIS.

AUDITORS.

I. N. KEITH,

L. W. RICHARDS.

CONSTABLES.

WILLIAM M. JUDKINS,

JOHN SCRIBNER,

T. S. H. ROUNSVILLE,

ENOCH FREEMAN.

POLICE OFFICER (by appointment).

BENJAMIN SIDDALL.

HIGHWAY SURVEYORS.

District.

District.

1. ISAAC N. NUTTER,

6. SAMUEL KEITH,

2. WILLIAM M. JUDKINS,

7. LEVI W. NOYES,

3. EBENEZER WHITMARSH,

8. EDGAR L. CLARK,

4. E. S. WHITMARSH,

9. JAMES S. ALLEN,

5. GEORGE W. HARDEN,

10. CHARLES H. GOSS.

FENCE VIEWERS.

SAMUEL KEITH,

HENRY GURNEY.

FIELD DRIVERS.

WILLIAM M. JUDKINS,

WILLIAM RAMSDELL.

MEASURERS OF WOOD.

JOHN E. WATERMAN,

WARREN K. CHURCHILL.

WEIGHERS OF COAL.

JOHN E. WATERMAN,

GEORGE A. WRIGHT.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

CHARLES H. GOSS,

LUTHER CHURCHILL, JR.,

HIRAM ERSKINE.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

HENRY A. GROW.

SEXTON.

MELVIN L. WEBBER.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS

LIABILITIES.

Building road at Elmwood.....	\$3,608 54
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ASSETS.

Due from Commonwealth for State aid	\$1,017 50
Due from Commonwealth for aid to indigent soldiers,	112 00
Bills due Almshouse	31 48
Due from other towns	25 09
Cash in treasury	3,372 57
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	\$4,558 64

Since the accounts were audited we have paid J. S. Allen's bill of nineteen dollars for services on almshouse investigating committee. Two members of that committee have not been paid. The above items should have been included in this report. With the exception of the above items, we think all bills against the town have been paid.

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1881, TO FEBRUARY 1, 1882.

Harriet Eddy,	\$48 00	Sarah C. Hudson,	\$48 00
Mary Hudson,	48 00	Mary S. Ripley,	48 00
Thankful O. Trow,	48 00	Sarah B. Gould,	48 00
Betsy A. Hale,	48 00	Harriet F. McCarter,	48 00
Lydia A. Sylvester,	48 00	Eldridge Winsor,	72 00
E. W. Nutter,	72 00	Charles L. Jones,	72 00
Perez Williams,	72 00	Barzilla F. Ellis,	66 00
Lydia A. Hale,	48 00	Harriet Vosmus,	48 00
William L. Morey,	27 00	Jane R. Bancroft,	36 00
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			\$945 00

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Joseph M. Whitman.....	\$96 00
Charles D. Hatch.....	72 00
Selden M. Washburn.....	42 00
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\$210 00	

INCIDENTALS.

Avery & Doten, printing report.....	\$96 90
B. W. Keith, postage stamps.....	3 00
James Howard, road scraper.....	125 00
Old Colony Railroad Company, freight on scraper..	7 90
Decorating soldiers' graves.....	100 00
Dr. Edward Sawyer, examination of Mrs. Edson....	10 00
Dr. H. F. Copeland, examination of Mrs. Edson ..	7 00
Dr. C. E. Field, physician to Board of Health.....	5 00
Jarvis Burrell, printing.....	13 65
B. W. Keith, postal cards.....	12 00
M. L. Webber, use of teams	10 25
Loring Holbrook & Son, returns of deaths.....	5 50
George A. Wheeler, services as moderator	3 00
J. E. Waterman, weighing.....	70
Abatement of taxes.....	290 45
E. S. Whitmarsh, railroad fares	9 40
Charles A. Latham, Almshouse Investigating Com- mittee.....	10 75
L. W. Richards, Almshouse Investigating Committee	15 50
Samuel Dyer, 2d, damage on highway	14 10
Charles H. Paine levelling at Elmwood.....	6 00
Alger & Co.'s express.....	3 10
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	\$749 20

Repairs of Highways.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS WAS ALLOTTED TO EACH
DISTRICT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid—

Isaac N. Nutter, Surveyor.....	\$92 80
David Roach.....	39 50
William H. Taylor.....	1 50
Timothy Murphy.....	4 50
John Cook.....	9 00
Charles H. Goss.....	15 25
Henry Gurney.....	26 67
David W. Gurney.....	11 02
Daniel W. Noyes.....	4 50
George R. Dyer.....	3 00
William Reed.....	1 50
Samuel F. White.....	3 00
Z. W. Sturtevant.....	18 25
Peter Dory.....	10 00
T. S. H. Rounsville.....	3 30
Eleazer Whitman.....	6 00

\$249 79

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid—

William M. Judkins, Surveyor....	\$33 00
Walter V. Judkins.....	33 75
Timothy Murphy.....	30 00
Joseph Dory.....	12 00
John Cook.....	15 00
Aaron Hobart.....	14 00
Peter Dory.....	26 00
David Roach.....	15 00
James Lonergan	4 50
James Pendergrast.....	4 50
Dennis E. Dreslane.....	55 50
Isadus Fuller.....	6 12
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	\$249 37

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid—

Ebenezer Whitmarsh, Surveyor.....	\$51 45
John B. Brown.....	3 75
Charles W. Pratt.....	16 50
Lemuel Pratt	6 00
Simeon G. Whitmarsh.....	18 00
William W. Hersey.....	8 25
Oliver Pratt.....	69 54
David Pratt.....	51 75
William Ramsdell.....	24 75
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	\$249 99

DISTRICT NO. 4.

E. S. Whitmarsh, Surveyor.

Paid—

David Roach.....	\$196 77
Warren Brown.....	39 75
Martin Beal.....	4 50
Aug. M. Howe.....	2 00

 \$243 02
DISTRICT NO 5.

Paid—

George W. Harden, Surveyor	\$92 05
Noah A. Washburn	15 00
Allen Washburn	45 00
E. F. Sampson	27 00
Melzar Waterman	3 75
Blaney P. Beals.....	3 00
Luther Harden.....	28 50
Charles Thrasher.....	14 70
Calvin S. Whitman	18 00
Nicholas Wade.....	3 00

 \$250 00
DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid—

Samuel Keith, Surveyor.....	\$33 25
Thomas Hewitt	24 00
Daniel Geary.....	38 25
Ruel Lincoln	3 00
Nathaniel Perkins.....	7 43
B. H. Fisher	15 63

Eliab Latham	\$79 60
Galen Latham	6 87
William Desmond	14 10
Fred Sturtevant	6 75
Samuel A. Keith	5 63
Clifford Keith	1 00
Simeon C. Keith	5 50
Charles A. Latham	8 55
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	\$249 56

DISTRICT NO 7.

Paid—

Levi W. Noyes, Surveyor	\$36 00
Henry G. Hill	7 40
A. S. Churchill	2 40
Joseph M. Loucraft	24 00
Charles Demoranville	6 75
Walter L. Benson	83 90
H. W. White	27 00
N. M. Keene	3 00
James R. Hudson	13 00
Martin Sumner	2 25
Thomas Condon	3 00
Samuel A. Luzarder	3 90
George W. Sprague	4 50
Dennis Leary	2 55
Michael McCarty	4 50
Frank Fisher	60
George W. Dunbar	3 00
Stephen O'Neil	3 75
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	\$231 50

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Paid —

Edgar L. Clark, Surveyor	\$169 50
Patrick Quigley	2 25
Edward Kenealey	14 25
Thomas Luddy	5 00
J. Landergan	1 50
John Curley	2 25
Joseph Laform	9 75
Jeremiah Dunn.....	22 50
Jerry Lappel.....	6 75
Daniel Desmond	3 50
Peter Dory	9 00
East Bridgewater Iron Company	3 75
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	\$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 9.

James S. Allen, Surveyor.

Paid —

Marcellus Boynton.....	\$29 18
Elmer Keith	3 70
Waldo Hayward	59 96
Francis Hayward.....	136 28
Bela Hayward	11 88
Frank B. Johnson	9 00
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	\$250 00

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Paid —

Charles H. Goss, Surveyor	\$195 25
Jeremiah Dunn.....	3 00
Stephen Harlow	1 50

George Dreslane	\$4 50
David Fitzgerald	4 00
James Lonergan	1 50
Joseph Mayflan	3 00
William H. Taylor	75
E. Kenealey	6 75
James Pendergrast	1 50
David S. Gurney	1 60
Frank E. Freeman	1 15
Henry Gurney	7 50
Samuel F. White	7 50
Michael Crowley	1 50
N. K. Richardson	3 00
David Roach	6 00
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	\$250 00

BRIDGES, CULVERTS AND HIGHWAYS.

Paid —

Edgar L. Clark, labor	\$2 00
David Roach, labor	128 60
Sears R. Frost, labor	6 65
John E. Waterman, labor	4 50
Peter Dory, labor	18 37
Warren Brown, labor	18 75
John Dillon, labor	1 50
Michael Crowley, labor	1 50
Henry Gurney, labor	123 95
Wellington Caldwell, labor	10 00
Barney Sheridan, labor	4 50
George S. Harlow, labor	20 25
David Tower, labor	6 75
Albion K. Benson, labor...	26 50

John S. Eastman, labor	\$0 50
Samuel Keith, labor	1 00
Eliab Latham, labor	30 35
James S. Allen, labor	11 85
Nicholas Wade, rails	4 50
Charles H. Goss, plank, etc.	34 63
E. S. Whitmarsh, stone	1 50
Allen Washburn, stone	3 00
William V. West, stone	5 00
Isadus Fuller, gravel	2 10
I. N. Nutter, gravel	5 80
George W. Harden, gravel ..	2 00
Bathshua Keith, gravel	2 04
Henry Gurney, lumber	7 00
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	\$485 09

ALMSHOUSE EXTENSION AND REPAIRS.

Paid —

Charles H. Goss for lumber	\$105 21
Cutter & Parker, doors and windows	4 80
E. P. Reed & Co., lumber	15 05
Gammons & Nutter, hardware	26 39
J. E. Waterman, lime, etc.	5 25
John M. Whiting, labor	17 30
George B. Howland, labor	101 25
William Ramsdell, labor	12 00
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	\$287 25

SALE OF JEREMIAH DUNN PLACE.

At the last annual meeting the Town voted, that the Selectmen be instructed to take possession of the Jeremiah Dunn place and let or sell the same, as they may think for the interest of the Town. We invited Mr. Dunn to give the Town possession, and, to requite him therefor, we proposed to let him the house for a small rent. Mr. Dunn refused to do anything. We then decided to take possession and sell the estate. An action was brought, judgment and execution followed, and the Town was put in possession of the premises. We sold the property to several persons, and received :

For the real estate	\$1,151 00
For potatoes.....	15 00
For hay delivered.....	59 67
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Total amount received.....	\$1,225 67

EXPENSES.

Paid—

E. S. Whitmarsh, counsel fees in action of Town vs. Dunn	\$45 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, selling the estate and making deeds	15 00
George A. Wheeler, part of costs.....	2 10
John Shepard, watching premises.....	19 25
W. H. Jefferson, cutting and delivering hay.....	24 00
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	\$105 35

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid—		
Charles H. Edson,	} Auditors	\$15 00
John E. Waterman,		
L. W. Richards,		
Robert O. Harris, School Committee		93 85
E. W. Nutter, School Committee		66 75
F. S. Strong, School Committee		33 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor		286 00
Henry Gurney, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor		103 65
Eliab Latham, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor		81 72
I. N. Nutter, Treasurer		100 00
George A. Wheeler, Collector		123 57
Frank Smith, Town Clerk		64 65
William M. Judkins, Constable		27 00
Benjamin Siddall, police officer		10 00
M. L. Webber, Sexton		70 00
		<hr/> \$1,075 94

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For repairs of highways	\$2,473 23
For incidentals	749 20
For payment of town officers	1,075 94
For bridges, culverts and highways	485 09
For alterations at almshouse	287 25
For building new road	315 00
For aid to persons out of the almshouse	931 24
For support of poor in the almshouse	1,389 19
For State aid	945 00
For aid to indigent soldiers	210 00
For costs in Dunn suit and sale of property, etc ...	105 35
	<hr/> \$8,966 49

BUILDING ROAD AT ELMWOOD.

We have paid the County of Plymouth \$3,608 54 in full satisfaction for building the road at Elmwood. The following is the bill of particulars furnished us by the County Commissioners :

Paid—

Carver & Sherman for removing earth and gravelling road 10,932 yards, at 18 cents.....	\$1,967 76
Extra price allowed beyond contract.....	194 50
Railing sides of road (lumber and labor)	169 75
C. V. Pendleton, building arch bridge	1,720 00
C. V. Pendleton, furnishing stone and building three wing walls and parapet walls	1,386 28
Mark P. Hudson for labor of self, and cash paid for labor and materials	856 83
Mark P. Hudson for lumber for temporary bridge..	17 42
Mark P. Hudson for building road opposite his house.....	60 00
Mark P. Hudson for labor, widening causeway	89 00
N. M. Keene for gravel.....	25 00
H. W. White for gravel	46 25
W. L. Benson for carting stone....	75 75
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	\$6,608 54
Allowance by County Commissioners.....	3,000 00
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	\$3,608 54

LIST OF PERSONS

Proposed by the Selectmen to serve as Jurors for 1882.

George W. Allen,	Granville C. Allen,
Charles H. Brown,	James Brown,
Wellington Caldwell,	Edward F. Field,
Henry Gurney,	Abbot T. Hewitt,
George B. Howland,	Luther Harden,
George M. Keith,	Isaac N. Keith,
Lysander Keith,	Newton M. Keene,
Samuel Keith,	Zebina Keith,
A. Harris Latham,	Eliab Latham,
Martin P. McLauthlin,	Edmund W. Nutter,
David Pratt,	Nathan M. Pool,
William Ramsdell,	Ezra F. Sampson,
Frank Smith,	Minot C. Shaw,
Samuel Shaw,	Benjamin Ward,
Samuel C. White,	William Edson,

Robert Young.

E. S. WHITMARSH,	} <i>Selectmen of East Bridgewater.</i>
HENRY GURNEY,	
ELIAB LATHAM,	

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION FOR 1881.

Real estate	\$983,500
Personal estate	352.405
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Total	\$1,335,905
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Number of polls	734
Tax on each poll	\$2 00
Rate of taxation0112
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State tax	\$1,155 00
County tax	1,524 42
Town tax	13,150 00
Added for convenience	600 71
Gained by fractions	16
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Committed for collection	\$16,430 29

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1881.

Appropriation made last year for school-houses....	\$1,850 00
For —	
Schools.....	5,000 00
School incidentals	250 00
Repairs of school property ...	350 00
Books and materials	50 00
Repairs of highways	2,500 00
Bridges, culverts and highways.....	500 00
Incidentals	600 00
Decorating soldiers' graves.....	100 00
Town officers.....	1,000 00
Road scraper.....	150 00
Alterations at Almshouse.....	500 00
New road.....	300 00
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	\$13,150 00

E. S. WHITMARSH, }
HENRY GURNEY, } *Assessors.*
ELIAB LATHAM, }

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We have discarded the old plan — an appraisal, etc. — in estimating the cost of supporting the poor at the Almshouse, and have taken the amount of money drawn from the treasury for the use of the Almshouse as the total cost of supporting the poor.

We all think that there is no substantial difference in the value of the personal property at the beginning and at the end of the present year. If our opinion is correct, it follows that no appraisal is necessary. If the house and farm is fairly supplied hereafter, about the same value will be found which we found at the date of this report.

ALMSHOUSE.

Paid—

Superintendent, portion of salary	\$282 08
Medical attendance and medicine	49 57
L. Holbrook & Son for coffin	10 00
Gammons & Nutter, hardware	7 92
Hall & Stephens, bedding	8 40
A. S. Sturtevant, blacksmithing	29 56
Martin Howland, cattle	93 75
W. H. Jefferson, pigs ...	7 00
Charles E. Gaffney, labor	173 24

Joseph T. Hathaway, labor.....	\$7 42
George W. Harden, labor.....	22 25
Warren Brown, labor	65 75
Oliver M. Sharp, labor.....	8 00
Benjamin Ward, meat	64 82
Amos Hunting, grain and provisions	559 43
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	\$1,389 19

It must be remembered that the above figures represent only the amount drawn from the treasury.

We have sold hay and cattle to the amount of about six hundred dollars. We paid the Superintendent the balance due him February 1st, of \$72.90 out of this money. The remainder has been expended for supplies for the house and farm.

Number of inmates during the year	10
Average number, nearly.....	9 1-5
Present number.....	9
Cost per week for support, nearly.....	\$2 90

*AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMS-
HOUSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1882.*

Paid —

Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Nathaniel S. Bouldry.....	\$192 36
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Hannah Dunn	188 05
Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Sears R. Frost.....	28 19
City of Lowell, aid to Catherine Quinn.....	22 50
City of Lynn, aid to the Connors children.....	194 00
City of Boston, aid to Peter Foley.	2 00

City of Brockton, aid to Andrew P. Young and family	\$18 00
City of Brockton, aid to J. L. Coulter and family ..	4 00
Towns of Natick and Needham, aid to C. D. Hatch and family.....	58 40
Town of Rehoboth, aid to A. L. Darling	4 00
Town of Hanover, aid to Waterman J. Ellis	22 00
For Mrs. Isaac Lincoln.....	22 00
For Mrs. John Chadwick	33 93
For Mrs. Thomas H. Cummings.....	9 25
For George Jenkins and family	18 31
For Mrs. Nathaniel S. Bouldry.....	20 00
For Benjamin H. Fisher and family	1 50
For Mrs. Sophia Harlow, belongs in Brockton	50 00
For Henry P. Caswell's family, belongs in Taunton,	12 00
For William O. Nutter's family, belongs in Kingston,	5 00
For Daniel Geary	4 00
For Mrs. Ellen I. Atwood, belongs in Hanson.....	17 00
For Mrs. Dugan	4 75
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	\$931 24
Received and due from other towns	104 73
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Net aid to poor out of Almshouse....	\$826 51

E. S. WHITMARSH,	} Overseers of Poor.
HENRY GURNEY,	
ELIAB LATHAM,	

TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth :

GREETING :

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, You are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in Elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Town, on the thirteenth day of March, A. D. 1882, at one o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to-wit :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of Town officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town officers.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all Town expenses.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repairing the highways.

ART. 6. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 9. To act on a list of jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

ART. 10. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town.

ART. 11. To see what sum the Town will appropriate to purchase a lot of land, and erect thereon a building for the accommodation of the West Primary School.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the Post Offices, and also, at each of the public meeting-houses in said Town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two.

E. S. WHITMARSH,	}	<i>Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.</i>
HENRY GURNEY,		
ELIAB LATHAM,		

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer*,

In account with the Town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

1881.	Balance as per previous report.	\$1,319 38
Feb. 24.	Town of South Abington, aid to soldiers.	14 00
Mch. 11.	G. A. Wheeler, Collector, amount of Willis Harden tax	8 03
Mch. 11.	G. A. Wheeler, additional interest col- lected	99
Apr. 12.	State Treasurer, borrowed in anticipation of taxes.	2,000 00
May 30.	State Treasurer, corporation tax.	140 05
May 30.	State Treasurer, burial of State paupers. .	10 00
June 8.	State Treasurer, borrowed in anticipation of taxes.	2,000 00
July 26.	E. S. Whitmarsh, attorney for town in part satisfaction of execution vs. Jere- miah Dunn.	6 67
July 28.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed in anticipation of taxes.	1,000 00
Sept. 1.	E. S. Whitmarsh, attorney for town on account of sales of real estate formerly held by J. Dunn.	450 00
<i>Amount carried forward.</i>		<u>\$6,949 12</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$6,949 12
Sept. 10.	E. S. Whitmarsh, attorney for town on account of sale of real estate formerly held by J. Dunn.....	636 00
Oct. 27.	E. S. Whitmarsh, attorney for town, balance of proceeds from sale of real estate formerly held by J. Dunn.....	80 00
Dec. 5.	State Treasurer, Corporation tax.....	1,642 75
Dec. 5.	State Treasurer, National Bank tax... ..	768 68
Dec. 5.	State Treasurer, State aid.....	917 50
Dec. 5.	State Treasurer, relief of soldiers	48 00
1882.		
Jan. 3.	Town of Brockton, aid to S. Harlow	50 00
Jan. 25.	Town of Hanson, aid to C. L. Atwood...	17 00
Jan. 25.	State Treasurer on note of town payable October 1, 1882	3,608 54
Jan. 25.	State Treasurer, income of Massachusetts School Fund.... ..	198 52
Feb. 1.	Selectmen, amount received for hay sold from J. Dunn estate	59 67
Feb. 8.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax..	123 42
Feb. 11.	Selectmen, net proceeds from sale of box boards from almshouse farm.....	119 63
Feb. 14.	Town of South Abington, its proportion of aid to indigent soldiers	20 73
Feb 11.	George A. Wheeler, Collector, tax of 1881, including interest collected	16,475 08
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		\$31,714 64

1881.

May 30.	State Treasurer, National Bank tax re- funded by town	\$16 01
Aug. 17.	Register of Deeds, for recording collector's notice, and for estates sold	3 20
Sept. 15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank note dated August 9, 1880	1,850 00
	Interest on above note	49 95
Sept. 17.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank note	1,000 00
Oct. 4.	State Treasurer, two notes	4,000 00
	Interest on above notes	64 94
Oct. 31.	County Treasurer, county tax for 1881...	1,524 42
Dec. 5.	State Treasurer, State tax for 1881.....	1,155 00

1882.

Jan. 28.	County Treasurer, cost of building road, on petition of J. E. Crane and others..	3,608 54
Feb. 11.	G. A. Wheeler, collected tax of 1881, on real estate taxed to following persons, and sold by Collector for non-payment of tax, expenses of sale, deeds, etc., included :—	
	Henry A. Osborne.....	\$7 24
	William F. Keene.....	27 50
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		34 74

Tax for 1881 on real estate held by town

by deeds from Collector, viz. :—

James Eaton.....	\$12 32
George W. Deane.....	56
Charles W. Harden	2 24
Benjamin F. Jackson.....	56
Abby Farrar	2 80
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Feb. 11.	Town of Hanson, tax	\$0 42
	Orders drawn by Selectmen.....	8,950 14
	Orders drawn by School Committee (in- cluding \$855.35 on account of former year)	6,066 23
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		\$28,342 07
	Cash on hand	3,372 57

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

GEORGE A. WHEELER, *Collector*,

In account with the TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount committed for collection,.....	\$16,430 29
To interest,.....	44 89
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Total,.....	\$16,475 18

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By amount paid to Treasurer,.....	\$16,475 18
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AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Treasurer, Assessors and Collector, and report as follows :

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer	\$8,966 49
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer	8,950 14
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• Amount of orders drawn and not paid	\$16 35

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the Treasurer*	\$6,066 23
Amount of orders paid by the Treasurer	6,066 23

*There is an order drawn in favor of William Whiting, (amount \$2.00), no voucher appearing.

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year	\$31,714 64
Amount paid out during the year	28,342 07
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Cash on hand	\$3,372 57

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection	\$16,430 29
Interest	44 89
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	\$16,475 18
Amount paid to Treasurer	16,475 08
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Balance due	10
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This amount since paid.

The Collector has shown us the Treasurer's receipt for the above amount.

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount received during year ending Jan. 31, 1882,	\$738 86
Amount paid during year ending Jan. 31, 1882	738 25
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Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1882	59
Amount of outstanding bills Feb. 1, 1881	\$28 04
Amount paid since	10 00
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Amount due on last year's account	18 04
Amount of bills due on this year's account	9 55
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Total amount due Almshouse	\$27 59

There is an account of \$13.50 in addition, which is offset by a running account supposed to be about equal in amount.

As a part of the Almshouse accounts have been destroyed by the Warden, it is impossible to audit them accurately.

L. WATTS RICHARDS, } *Auditors.*
I. N. KEITH,

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 21, 1882.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

1881.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 1.	Cash on hand	\$6 47
Feb. 10.	Dancing school	4 17
Feb. 11.	Lecture	5 00
Feb. 17.	Dancing school	4 17
Feb. 22.	Comical Brown	10 00
Feb. 24.	Assembly	7 50
Feb. 25.	Assembly	7 50
Mar. 3.	Dancing school	4 16
Mar. 8.	Assembly	7 50
Mar. 11.	Assembly	7 50
Mar. 17.	Assembly	7 50
Mar. 23.	Lecture	3 00
Mar. 25.	Assembly	7 50
April 1.	Assembly	7 50
April 5.	Concert	5 00
April 7.	Unitarian Society	5 00
April 9.	Land League	3 00
April 13 } 14 & 15. }	Grand Army Fair	10 00
April 20.	Land League lecture	5 00
April 21.	Farmers' meeting	3 00
April 26.	Ball	13 00
April 27.	Tableaux of Erin	10 00
April 28.	W. C. Fickett	3 50
May 12.	Hayward Sisters	5 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		<u>\$151 97</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$151 97
May 17.	Ball	12 00
May 27.	Ball	12 00
June 14.	Land League	3 00
June 16.	Unitarian Society .. .	5 00
June 27.	Temperance Union.....	1 50
July 1.	Temperance Union	2 50
July 12.	Land League	3 00
Sept. 13.	Ball	12 00
Sept. 16.	Ball	10 00
Oct. 2.	Temperance Union	2 50
Oct. 11.	Spaulding's concert	10 00
Oct. 8.	Dr. Beardsley, seven lectures.....	35 00
Oct. 14.	Unitarian Society	5 00
Oct. 21.	Dancing school.....	5 00
Oct. 28.	Dancing school.....	5 00
Nov. 8.	Methodist Society.....	5 00
Nov. 11.	Dancing school.....	5 00
Nov. 16.	Ball	12 00
Nov. 23.	Dancing school	5 00
Nov. 24.	Unitarian Society	5 00
Nov. 25.	Sullivan's Combination	10 00
Dec. 1.	Dancing school.....	5 00
Dec. 7.	Ball	12 00
Dec. 13.	Lecture	5 00
Dec. 16.	Dancing school.....	5 00
Dec. 14.	Hayward Sisters	2 50
Dec. 20.	Hayward Sisters.....	5 00
Dec. 28.	High School	4 00
1882.		
Jan. 2.	Unitarian Society.....	5 00
Jan. 13.	Ball	11 00
Jan. 27.	Assembly	7 50
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		\$379 47

1881.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid —

April 19.	Joshua Dean, coal	\$7 75
April 21.	C. H. Goss, boards.....	1 71
May 4.	N. A. Washburn, wood	2 50
May 28.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc.....	19 29
July 1.	Gammons & Nutter, glass	1 00
Nov. 3.	John Hobart, coal.....	7 25
Nov. 15.	J. M. Whiting, building chimney.....	57 15

1882.

Jan. 2.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc., etc	21 20
Feb. 1.	Isadus Fuller, janitor.....	113 80
Feb. 1.	Frank Smith, Secretary committee	10 00
Feb. 1.	Frank Smith, wax for floor	1 40
Feb. 1.	Gammons & Nutter, oil	1 50
Feb. 1.	Cash on hand ...	134 92

 \$379 47

E. S. WHITMARSH,	} Committee.
I. N. NUTTER,	
FRANK SMITH.	

Audited.

L. W. RICHARDS.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Twenty-nine marriages have been recorded during the year.

1881.

- Jan. 5. William E. Whipple of Newport, N. H., and Charity E. Soule of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- Mar. 6. George F. Lane of Kingston and Deborah M. Keevey of Plympton. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- April 14. Alfred Griffin and Lucy A. Johnson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- April 23. George C. Beals of West Bridgewater and Fanny Holmes of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- May 1. Irving Bates of East Bridgewater and Clara Holbrook of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- May 25. Zenas A. Jenkins and Ada F. Keith, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
- May 29. Henry S. Aldrich of East Bridgewater and Adrianna Holden of So. Abington. By Rev. F. P. Howland.
- May 30. Stephen O'Neil of Bridgewater and Margaret Short of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

- June 9. Prescott H. Pratt and Agnes C. Gurney of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- June 19. Leonard C. Mitchell and Mary M. Bryant, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- June 22. Charles E. Field of East Bridgewater and Louise G. Allen of Brockton. By Rev. Henry E. Goddard.
- June 24. John W. Harden and Lura Whitmarsh, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- June 26. Edwin F. Dyson and Eliza A. Bottomore, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Theodore F. Wright.
- July 2. Eugene N. Shaw of Brockton and Louisa A. Nute of West Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.
- July 16. Clarence B. Fuller and Sarah L. Bottomore, both of East Bridgewater, by Rev. T. O. Paine.
- Aug. 6. Henry Planch of East Bridgewater and Jennie Grant of Brockton. By Rev. Samuel L. Beal.
- Sept. 6. Albert C. Whitmarsh of East Bridgewater and Maria E. Collier of Brockton. By Rev. Samuel L. Beal.
- Sept. 9. James M. Turner and Mary E. D'Arcy, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
- Sept. 14. Ellis V. Barney and Lucia K. Harden, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- Sept. 28. Henry M. Atkinson of Passaic, N. J., and Mary J. Whitman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. Herbert Atkinson.
- Oct. 7. Benjamin F. Wright of Middleboro and Carrie W. Blanchard of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Oct. 9. Newton F. Humble of East Bridgewater and Cora E. Leavitt of North Hanson. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.

- Oct. 15. William H. Pratt and Nellie E. Nadell, both of Hanson. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.
- Nov. 2. Morris Carroll and Mary Kennedy, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
- Nov. 19. John Reed of East Bridgewater and Lydia C. Richards of West Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
- Nov. 24. Wilton Copeland of West Bridgewater and Lucy A. Field of East Bridgewater.
- Nov. 24. Bernard Winn and Mary Kendrigan, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
- Dec. 21. Henry M. Holmes and Marion C. Kinney, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- Dec. 22. Charles S. Millet of Rockland and Grace T. Swallow of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR 1881.

DATE OF BIRTH.		FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1881.			
January	11,	Mabel Susie Gardner,	Edward C. and Susie A.
February	13,	Jessie Woodman Dunbar,	George W. and Susan E.
March	10,	Julia Harris Edson,	Charles H. and Mary M.
"	10,	Horace Hancock Dunbar,	Horace P. and Ellen F.
April	5,	Roland Herbert Randall,	John and Hannah M.
"	14,	Jesse Herbert Swift,	Herbert A. and Nellie T.
"	16,	Esther Babcock Taylor,	William H. and Mary E.
"	17,	Mary Bemis,	William M. and Nellie J.
May	4,	Vera Stetson Ransden,	Elias A. and Mary T.
"	20,	Mary Mitchell,	Robert J. and Mary.
June	4,	Charles Warner Lyon,	Walter M. and Josephine R.
"	7,	John Elliget,	John and Hannah.
"	9,	William Ashton Boden,	Charles and Martha A.
"	13,	Charles Murdoch McCarter,	Frank W. and Caroline H.
"	16,	John Lloyd O'Brien,	Michael J. and Joanna.
"	27,	John Gorman,	Michael and Bridget.
"	28,	William Henry Bussey,	William H. and Catherine M.
"	30,	Frank Leroy Bates,	Albert and Lucretia L.
July	10,	Mary Niles Hayward,	Martin A. and Ellen B.
"	11,	Lydia Maria Osborne,	Henry A. and Emily J. L.
"	15,	Edwin Abbey Millett,	Frank D. and Elizabeth G.
"	20,	Maud Lillie Richardson,	Everett N. and Lillie C.
"	22,	Arthur Clayton Britton,	James A. and Nellie S.
"	25,	Anne Winslow Harris,	Robert O. and Josephine D.
"	31,	Rosa Bertha White,	Paul and Annie F.
August	7,	Michael Tierney Curley,	Patrick N. and Nellie.
"	12,	Samuel Keene Nutter,	Edmund W. and Harriet.
"	30,	Ralph Leslie Leach,	Frederick A. and Nellie J.
"	31,	George Ervan Thrasher,	Daniel W. and Adrianna.
September	1,	Mary Campbell,	Lot and Mary A.
"	7,	— Sumner,	Ira H. and Edith F.
"	18,	Sarah Curran,	Bartley and Ann.
October	9,	John Francis Geary,	Daniel and Mary.
"	9,	Josephine Amelia Raymond,	Charles W. and Etta J.
November	1,	Pearl Ethel Luzarder,	Samuel A. and Alice J.
"	2,	Willie Emerson Sharp,	Oliver M. and Irene F.
"	13,	Grace Field Trow,	Fred E. and Lizzie M.
"	16,	Addie Maria Alden,	Frank and Emma F.
"	20,	Hattie Buckley,	John and Eliza.
"	22,	Mabel Spencer Freeman,	James D. and Ellen A.
December	1,	Honora Burke,	Michael and Ellen.
"	8,	Joseph Souza,	Manuel and Mary.
"	12,	Rosa Phebe Shepard,	John and Julia.
"	20,	— Crowell,	Herbert H. and Alice R.
1880.			
January	11,	Frederick Alton Leach,	Frederick A. and Nellie J.
June	24,	Freddie Warner Redding,	Frederick H. and Maggie L.

Whole number of Births in 1881..... 44

Males..... 21

Females..... 23

Of foreign parentage..... 12

FRANK SMITH, Town Clerk.

*DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1881.*

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1881.					
Jan. 2,	E. Herbert Ford,	32	—	27	Phthisis.
" 10,	Joseph Underwood,	79	1	21	Old age.
" 17,	Lucinda K. Harris,	52	9	17	Catarrhal Fever.
" 23,	Florence Cavanaugh,	—	8	11	Whooping Cough.
Feb. 9,	Julia N. Lincoln,	73	8	8	Consumption.
" 12,	Patrick Rogers,	43	—	—	Drowned.
" 27,	Lucinda H. Bryant,	76	3	16	Pneumonia.
" 28,	Charles H. Whiting,	58	4	—	Cancer.
March 19,	Horace Hancock Dunbar,	—	—	9	Hemorrhage.
" 25,	Mary Perkins,	82	5	15	Old age.
April 3,	Merritt Jenkins,	77	8	25	Heart Disease.
" 5,	Gilbert St. Dennis,	46	—	—	Heart Disease.
" 18,	Benjamin F. Pearson,	53	4	29	Consumption.
" 19,	Benjamin M. White,	42	11	14	Pneumonia.
June 3,	Sally Harden,	83	—	—	Neuralgia of Heart.
" 22,	Robert Wade,	53	8	15	Bright's Disease.
" 23,	John H. Vosmus,	55	9	18	Consumption.
July 28,	Levi Churchill,	78	5	23	Bright's Disease.
Aug. 3,	Frederic L. Ames,	—	10	26	Cholera Infantum.
" 7,	John T. Barton,	15	—	6	Diphtheria.
" 12,	Rosa B. White,	—	—	12	Malformation of Heart.
" 19,	Nancy A. V. Wood,	68	3	29	Carcinoma.
" 20,	Charlie Winn,	3	4	—	Diphtheria.
" 20,	Mary Bemis,	—	4	3	Teething.
" 22,	John Cook,	68	—	—	Apoplexy.
" 22,	Vera S. Ransden,	—	3	18	Erysipelas.
" 25,	Rodney Bouldry,	27	—	—	Acute Gastritis. [Brain.
Sept. 6,	James Siddall,	85	6	21	Organic Disease of the
" 7,	Maud L. Richardson,	—	1	18	Whooping Cough.
" 18,	Joseph Souza,	2	11	14	Diphtheria.
" 18,	Rufus Adams,	72	11	—	Marasmus.

*DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER
FOR THE YEAR 1881.—Continued.*

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1881.					
Sept. 19,	Charles M. McCarter,	—	3	8	Anemia.
" 25,	Frederic Shepard,	—	9	14	Diphtheria.
" 26,	Elman Bordeau,	2	4	23	Diphtheria.
" 29,	Thomas Mahoney,	3	6	—	Diphtheria.
" 30,	Bertha E. Caswell.	9	7	—	Diphtheria.
Oct. 4,	John J. Campbell,	4	3	10	Diphtheria.
" 6,	Katie Roach,	2	6	21	Membranous Croup.
" 7,	Alice M. Campbell,	2	8	9	Diphtheria.
" 7,	Grace L. Nutter,	1	2	—	Strangulated Hernia.
" 12,	Frederick C. Edson,	8	4	6	Diphtheria.
" 13,	Michael J. Foley,	8	4	—	Diphtheria.
" 14,	Florence A. Foley,	10	—	—	Diphtheria.
" 17,	Emma Louise Keith,	2	8	15	Diphtheria.
" 18,	Maria E. Foley,	7	—	—	Diphtheria.
" 20,	Nellie Buckley,	5	6	—	Diphtheria.
" 24,	Edgar A. Ram-dell.	23	8	19	Bright's Disease.
" 26,	Elizabeth F. French,	1	10	1	Diphtheria.
" 27,	Mary L. Carr.	4	11	—	Diphtheria.
Nov. 2,	George E. Clark,	11	10	29	Diphtheria.
" 9,	Frederick L. French,	5	4	2	Diphtheria.
" 10,	Celia M. Clark,	40	6	21	Diphtheria.
" 13,	Daniel Desmond,	17	3	13	Diphtheria.
" 15,	Greenough Wood,	72	7	11	Heart Disease.
" 16,	Edwin A. Mill-t,	—	4	1	Diphtheria.
" 22,	Sears R. Frost	46	6	2	Paralysis of Brain.
" 23,	Lucy H. Harlow,	26	2	—	Phthisis.
" 27,	Robert Wilder,	24	3	20	Acute Meningitis.
Dec. 1,	Emma L. Alden,	4	5	14	Membranous Croup.
" 4,	Josephus Freeman,	83	6	—	Old Age.
" 15,	George H. Savory,	62	—	—	Marasmus.
" 19,	Sally H. Brown,	63	11	9	Paralysis.
" 24,	Ellen R. Griffin,	2	3	5	Diphtheria.

Whole number of deaths in 1881 63.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

—OF THE—

Town of East Bridgewater

—FOR—

1881-2.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the last annual Town Meeting, Mr. R. O. Harris was re-elected a member of the School Committee for a term of three years.

The Board was organized by the choice of F. S. Strong as Chairman, E. W. Nutter as Treasurer, and R. O. Harris as Secretary.

The schools were assigned for supervision as follows : To Mr. Strong, the Central Grammar and the schools at Elmwood and Satucket ; to Mr. Nutter, the North, East, and West Primaries, and the Centre Intermediate ; to Mr. Harris, the High School and the schools at Curtisville, Eastville, Northville, and Beaver.

The Committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition and needs of the public schools.

We find, upon comparing the records of the schools with the enumeration of children of school age residing in town on the first day of May, that the proportion not attending is small, showing that the laws of the State upon this subject are generally complied with. We have not been obliged to employ the truant officers at all, as we have been able to secure the attendance of children without resorting to the Courts.

Below is a list of teachers employed during the year,
and their respective schools :

High School	{ WYMAN C. FICKETT, <i>Principal</i> . MISS JENNY E. CHANDLER, <i>Assistant</i> .
Central Grammar, . . .	E. W. NUTTER.
Intermediate	{ MISS SARA E. WILBAR. MISS LUCY H. KEITH. MISS AGNES VOIGT. MISS ANN W. HARDEN.
North Primary . . .	{ MISS AGNES VOIGT. MISS LOTTIE R. EDSON.
East Primary	{ MISS ANN W. HARDEN. MISS MARY E. FULLER.
West Primary	{ MISS LUCY H. KEITH. MISS BERTHA NASH. AGNES VOIGT.
Elmwood Grammar	{ MISS MARY M. LEONARD. MISS CARRIE B. DENNIS.
Elmwood Primary ..	MISS LORA G. KINGMAN.
Satucket	{ MISS M. JENNIE WHITMAN. MRS. JOHN W. HARDEN. MARY J. WHITMARSH.
Curtisville	MISS ELLEN M. BUTTOMER.
Eastville	{ MISS FRANCES I. LEACH. MISS AGNES K. LITTLEFIELD.
Northville	{ MISS FANNIE M. GURNEY. MISS LYDIA T. CHAMBERLAIN.
Beaver Grammar . .	{ MISS LURA WHITMARSH. MISS MARY W. WENTWORTH. MISS HATTIE J. WHITMARSH.
Beaver Primary ..	{ MISS LURA J. BURRELL. MISS HATTIE E. SAMPSON.

It will be seen by the above list that several new teachers have been employed, and that several of the old teachers have been transferred from one school to another.

The plan of employing the graduates of our own High School, after first giving them some preliminary training, has so far worked well, and when it has been in operation longer, and its advantages are better understood by the graduates, we believe it will prove of great benefit to the schools.

Young ladies who are residents of the town and who have graduated from its schools will, it seems to us, have a more lively interest in the schools under their charge, and a better understanding of their needs and capabilities, than teachers coming here from other places, having no previous knowledge of their pupils.

High School.

At the close of the last year, a class of nine completed the prescribed course of study, and were awarded diplomas by the Committee. The graduating exercises were very interesting and were attended by a large audience.

The names of the graduating class are as follows :

Levi P. Churchill,	Cora J. Ripley,
Moses B. Kaven,	Ella M. Norris,
Louisa C. Allen,	Lizzie H. Voigt,
Lottie R. Edson,	Lizzie W. Richards,
Hattie J. Whitmarsh.	

Forty candidates for admission to the High School presented themselves at the annual examination in July. Of these twenty-four were admitted, and of the twenty-four, six were admitted unconditionally.

The number of pupils now attending is divided among four classes, as follows :

Senior.....	8
Sub-senior.....	13
Middle.....	12
Junior.....	20
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Total.....	53

Intermediate.

This school was established last year, and partially satisfies a long-felt want. Partially only, because it was designed to relieve our over-crowded Central Primaries, and the Central Grammar, but its seating capacity is not sufficiently great, and the Committee were compelled to advance some scholars to the Central Grammar who were not fully qualified, to make room for new-comers. This can only result in lowering the standard of scholarship.

The school is now crowded and it is not likely to become any smaller, as the tendency is towards increase in all the schools in the Centre. The only way of relieving the Intermediate and Central Grammar Schools is to replace the building at the West Primary by a new one having two school-rooms. If a proper building were erected there, we should have ample room for some years to come, and the schools could be better graded and made much more efficient.

Primaries.

The Primaries are most of them in good condition, and under the charge of competent teachers. The Committee have been able to provide for the use of these schools some new books, charts, etc., that have been of great service, thanks to the appropriation made for that purpose at the last Town Meeting. We would recommend a like appropriation each year.

Condition of Schools.

We have endeavored to maintain the standard of scholarship and think we have succeeded in so doing fairly well under the circumstances.

We have had a great deal of sickness among the children throughout the year; and during the fall the prevalence of diphtheria compelled us to close some of the schools, for times varying from a few days to several weeks. There has also been some sickness among the teachers.

All this has resulted in delay and confusion. In one or two schools, it is doubtful if we shall be able to complete the thirty-six weeks of school.

Tests.

We still maintain the system of tests, explained last year, and think as highly of it as ever.

Condition of Property.

The Committee have been able to make most of the repairs recommended in last year's report.

The Eastville house has been painted and put in good repair.

The house at Curtisville was shingled, but will need a good coat of paint before long.

The out-house at Beaver has been built, and the West Primary Building still stands, perhaps no worse than last year, certainly no better.

The blackboards are generally in very bad condition, and we would recommend an appropriation for the purpose of repairing them. We hope another year to be able to find a competent mason who can find time to do this work ; but during the last season we were unable to find a man who would undertake the small amount of work we wanted done, as better jobs were to be had.

Water.

Pipes have been laid from the well into the High School building, and the schools there are now well supplied. The other schools are badly off for water.

Stoves.

We have put coal stoves in three of the schools, and believe it should be done in all.

As the amount of money available for such things was not sufficient to pay for the stoves, and do all else that was needed to be done, Messrs. Gammons & Nutter kindly volunteered to furnish them, take a part of the amount, and let the rest lie over until after the Town Meeting in March next, and their offer was accepted by us.

Estimates.

The following sums will, in our opinion, be needed
for the support of schools for the next school year :

School purposes.....	\$5,000 00
Incidentals.....	300 00
Repairs.....	300 00
Books and material.....	50 00

F. S. STRONG,	} <i>School Committee.</i>
E. W. NUTTER,	
R. O. HARRIS,	

EAST BRIDGEWATER, February 20, 1882.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The following tables show the number of children of school age in town on May 1st; the number attending, etc.:

Whole number attending.....	507
Number between five and fifteen attending.....	465
Number under fifteen not attending.....	17
Number over fifteen attending.....	51
Number under five attending.....	8
Number between eight and thirteen attending.....	238
Number between eight and thirteen not attending.....	1
Number attending private schools or schools elsewhere.....	14

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NUMBER OF PUPILS.			Per cent. of Average Attendance for Year.
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	
High School.....	47	56	54	94
Central Grammar.....	36	51	48	93
Elmwood Grammar.....	22	23	22	90
Beaver Grammar.....	32	33	33	88
Center Intermediate.....	56	58	54	85
North Primary.....	..	37	32	..
East Primary.....	46	40	33	81
West Primary.....	51	52	48	90
Beaver Primary.....	36	34	28	85
Elmwood Primary.....	34	29	27	90
Eastville.....	32	32	34	86
Northville.....	26	42	43	90
Curtisville.....	20	20	22	93
Satucket.....	19	16	12	90

During the Fall term, the schools in the center of the town were closed for several weeks, on account of the prevalence of diphtheria, and their per cent. of attendance was considerably reduced.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Orders to the following amounts were drawn after the date of last year's report, to pay expenses for the remainder of the Winter term of 1881-82 :

Teaching.....	\$757 55
Care of houses.....	91 75
Fuel.....	5 05
Labor.....	1 00
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Total.....	\$855 35

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation.....	\$5,000 00
Received from State Treasurer..	198 52
Received from County Treasurer ..	123 42
Received from Town of West Bridgewater.....	110 33
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Amount available.....	\$5,432 27

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Wyman C. Fickett, High School	\$857 00
Jenny E. Chandler, High School	326 00
L. W. Richards, High School	25 00
Edmund W. Nutter, Central Grammar.....	364 10
Sara E. Wilbar, Center Intermediate ..	83 20
Lucy H. Keith, Center Intermediate	16 50
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, Center Intermediate	19 50
Agnes A. Voigt, Center Intermediate.....	69 00
Ann W. Harden, East Primary.....	167 30
Mary E. Fuller, East Primary.....	24 00
Agnes A. Voigt, North Primary	105 60
Lottie Edson, North Primary	64 40
Lucy H. Keith, West Primary	72 80
Bertha A. Nash, West Primary.....	64 20
Mary M. Leonard, Elmwood Grammar	90 00
Carrie B. Dennis, Elmwood Grammar.....	138 85
Lora G. Kingman, Elmwood Primary	224 55
M. Jennie Whitman, Satucket	84 00
Mrs. J. W. Harden, Satucket.....	112 00
Mary J. Whitmarsh, Satucket	24 00
Ellen M. Buttomer, Curtisville.....	217 00
Frances I. Leach, Eastville	85 40
Agnes A. Littlefield, Eastville.....	96 00
Fannie M. Gurney, Northville	161 00
Lura J. Whitmarsh, Beaver Grammar.....	103 60
Mary M. Wentworth, Beaver Grammar	88 00
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, Beaver Grammar	64 00
Lura J. Burrell, Beaver Primary	73 20
Hattie E. Sampson, Beaver	120 00
Town of South Abington.....	8 45
Total	<hr/> \$3,948 65

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mrs. Kate Barrett	\$25 00
E. W. Nutter	6 50
Ann W. Harden	6 00
Agnes A. Voigt	4 25
Lucy H. Keith	2 75
Bertha A. Nash	2 75
Albert B. Edson	6 00
Cecil Hoyt	6 00
Nellie C. Wade	3 00
Mrs. J. W. Harden	3 00
Ellen M. Buttomer	6 00
Ira F. Porter	3 00
Fannie M. Gurney	3 00
Alice F. Boden	3 00
Florence Dunbar	6 00
Eva A. Bates	3 00
J. Addie Osborne	3 00
Mrs. Norman Johnson, cleaning	2 62
Mrs. Kate Short, cleaning	2 38
Mrs. Kate Winn, cleaning	2 37
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	7 62
Mrs. George Sites, cleaning	6 40
Mrs. Sheridan, cleaning	3 00
Ellen M. Buttomer, cleaning	3 00
Mrs. Sears Frost, cleaning	4 00
Mrs. Lorinda Pratt, cleaning	3 00
Mrs. J. A. Chandler, cleaning	8 50
Edgar L. Clark, cleaning	2 50
Total	<hr/> \$137 64

FUEL.

John Hobart, coal	\$161 50
Joshua Dean, coal	53 50
Galen Latham, wood	6 00
Bosworth Brothers, wood	144 86
Lura J. Burrell, wood	40
E. S. Davenport, preparing fuel	9 25
Waldo Hayward, preparing fuel	2 00
Arthur C. Churchill, preparing fuel	3 00
Charles Whiting, preparing fuel	6 25
Herbert C. Keith, preparing fuel	19 75
Hiram Peasley, preparing fuel	12 13
Lucius Harding, preparing fuel	2 50
Ira F. Porter	3 00
Alton F. Jefferson	3 00
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	\$427 14

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes	\$5,432 27
Paid for teaching	3,948 65
Paid for care of houses	137 64
Paid for fuel	427 14
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	\$4,513 43
Unexpended balance	918 84
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	\$5,432 27

REPAIRS.

Paid—

Gammons & Nutter, pump, pipe and labor	\$111 75
Gammons & Nutter, stoves, hardware, etc	80 56
Charles H. Goss, lumber	40 30
Luther Wade, painting and repairs at Eastville . . .	45 00
Luther Wade, shingling, Curtisville	25 00
Isadus Fuller, labor	8 75
Samuel R. Newhall, labor	30 25
Leonard Seaver, labor	3 90
Hiram Peasley, labor	7 88
Minot S. Curtis, setting glass, etc	7 02
Alfred Bartlett, setting glass	1 50
E. W. Nutter, paid for curtains, etc	4 37
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Total	\$366 28
Appropriation	350 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation	\$16 28

INCIDENTALS.

Paid—

Hopkins & Marden, brooms, etc	\$17 72
Boston School Supply Co., record books, crayons . .	31 89
Gammons & Nutter, brushes, hardware, etc	59 12
I. N. Nutter, books and stationery	48 27
Jarvis Burrell, printing	24 35
D. B. Brooks & Co., ink	13 50
A. G. Whitecomb & Co., table	6 00
Press Publishing Co., labels	2 00
W. C. Fickett, book	90
Frank Smith, acid	75
Leopold Voigt, filling diplomas	2 00

Mary S. Keith, ribbon.....	\$1 50
George L. Jones, clock.....	4 75
George L. Jones, cleaning clock.....	1 00
J. H. Potter, cleaning clock.....	1 00
Henry Edson, damage to hedge.....	3 00
E. W. Nutter, paid for express, etc ..	6 40
Benjamin Alden, printing notices.....	2 60
Edwin Hayward, cleaning wells ..	8 00
R. O. Harris, blinds ..	1 00
Alger & Co., carting and express.....	7 15
M. L. Webber, carting... ..	3 50
Carver Cotton Gin Co., labor.....	2 85
C. G. Littlefield, labor.....	1 40
Lucius Harding, labor.....	1 00
J. M. Whitman, labor.....	70
Charles Whiting, labor.....	2 00
J. W. Harden, labor.....	50
Benjamin Alden, taking census.....	15 00
William Damon, statistical tables.....	7 50
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Total.....	\$277 35
Appropriation.....	250 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation.....	27 35

BOOKS AND MATERIALS.

Paid Boston School Supply Co., readers, charts, etc.,	\$53 82
Appropriation.....	50 00
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Expended in excess of appropriation.....	\$3 82

E. W. NUTTER, *Treasurer of School Committee.*

FEBRUARY 20, 1882.

FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1883.



BOSTON:

ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS,

34 SCHOOL STREET.

1883.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1882.

Town Clerk.

FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.

GEORGE A. WHEELER.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY GURNEY. CHARLES H. GOSS. L. WATTS RICHARDS.

School Committee.

FREDERIC S. STRONG. EDMUND W. NUTTER. ROBERT O. HARRIS.

Auditors.

E. S. WHITMARSH. I. N. KEITH. G. C. ALLEN.

Constables.

BENJAMIN SIDDALL. FRANCIS W. FRENCH. T. S. H. ROUNSVILLE.
SAMUEL LUZARDER. WALES ROGERS.

Highway Surveyor.

SAMUEL KEITH.

Board of Health.

CHARLES W. HARRIS. HENRY GURNEY. CHARLES E. FIELD.
CHARLES H. GOSS. L. WATTS RICHARDS.

Fence Viewers.

A. HARRIS LATHAM. HENRY GURNEY.

Field Drivers.

BENJAMIN SIDDALL. FRANCIS HAYWARD.

Measurers of Wood.

JOHN E. WATERMAN. HARRISON W. WHITE. CHARLES H. GOSS.

Weighers of Coal.

JOHN E. WATERMAN. WILLIAM O. SHELDON.
SAMUEL E. KEITH. GEORGE ALLEN.

Surveyor of Lumber.

S. L. SEAVER.

Scaler of Weights and Measures.

ROBERT YOUNG.

Secton.

MELVIN L. WEBBER.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Labor on highway, and aid to poor in other towns, estimated	\$150 00
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ASSETS.

Due from Commonwealth, corporation tax	.	\$367 92
Commonwealth, for State aid	. .	1,069 00
Commonwealth, for aid to indigent soldiers	227 00
Collector	45 12
Other towns	1 82
Cash in treasury	1,859 09
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		\$3,569 95

RECAPITULATION OF THE TOWN APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1883.

	Appropriations.	Paid out.	Over-drawn.	Unexpended.
Building Cook Street . .	\$100 00	\$110 00	\$10 00	
Available for schools and property	6,369 28	6,441 53	72 25	
Repairs of highways . .	2,500 00	2,412 28		\$87 72
Bridges and culverts . .	500 00	303 66		196 34
Completion of Harvard St. .	200 00			200 00
Payment town officers . .	1,000 00	1,186 62	186 62	
Incidentals	600 00	452 37		147 63
Decorations soldiers' graves .	100 00	100 00		
Removal of snow . . .	500 00	530 02	30 02	
Suppression of crime . .	200 00	50 00		150 00
New school-house . . .	2,863 75	3,353 47	489 72	
If the corporation and bank tax received and due from Commonwealth on this year's tax be used for support of poor, as formerly, instead of cash in treasury, amount available is . .	2,324 92	2,299 74		25 18
Amount unexpended from appropriations and all other sources for year ending Jan. 31, 1883		18 26		
	<hr/> \$17,257 95	<hr/> \$17,257 95		

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEB. 1, 1882, TO FEB. 1, 1883.

Harriet Eddy	\$48 00
Sarah B. Gould	48 00
Sarah C. Hudson	48 00
Betsey A. Hale	48 00
Mary Hudson	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter	48 00

Mary S. Ripley	\$48 00
Lydia A. Sylvester	44 00
Thankful O. Trow	48 00
Lydia A. Hale	48 00
Eldridge Winsor	72 00
Charles L. Jones	72 00
Edmund W. Nutter	72 00
Perez Williams	72 00
Barzilla F. Ellis	72 00
Harriet Vosmus	48 00
Jane R. Bancroft	48 00
William L. Morey	36 00
Bradford Little	12 00
Charlotte E. Hansell	8 00
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	\$988 00

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Joseph M. Whitman	\$80 00
Charles D. Hatch	68 00
Selden M. Washburn	72 00
Waterman J. Ellis	40 00
Charles Wright	80 00
Ferender C. Negus	100 00
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	\$440 00

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Paid Abatement of taxes	\$152 12
J. S. Allen, almshouse investigation, 1881	19 00
Samuel Keith, almshouse investigation, 1881	10 00
C. E. Field, almshouse investigation, 1881	10 00
Avery & Doten, printing town reports, 1881	96 90

Paid Obed W. Shaw, relinquishment contract .	\$35 00
Cutter Tower, stationery	9 17
Enoch Freeman, cutting wood, town office .	2 00
A. P. Smith, printing assessors' circulars	13 00
Alfred O. Pardy, damage on highway .	5 00
Andrew Gale, moving hook and ladder house	15 00
B. W. Keith, postal cards	12 50
E. B. Iron Co., labor on H. and L. house	1 14
Jarvis Burrell, printing	19 50
Charles H. Goss, car fare, use of team .	6 70
L. W. Richards, cash paid and use of team	11 72
Henry Gurney, team and car fare	23 55
Isaac N. Nutter, cash for postage	2 07
Melvin L. Webber, teams and return per- mits	8 00
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	\$452 37

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The surveyor has paid the following persons for labor and materials, as follows:—

Waldo Hayward	\$78 28
Bela Hayward	5 88
Fred Johnson	14 25
Wallace Whitman	5 00
Francis Hayward	139 43
James Kingman	2 25
Samuel S. Keith	31 50
D. W. Gurney	23 25
John B. Thayer	7 50
Henry Gurney	40 00
Walter L. Benson	26 25

George L. Chamberlin	\$12 60
George G. Harlow	13 80
B. H. Fisher	20 00
Freeman Cushman	5 10
William Shaw	13 50
Eliab Latham	110 15
John S. Eastman	45 90
John F. Cook	36 00
Dennis Curran	86 15
David S. Gurney	4 50
Patrick Dillon	28 12
William Dyson	2 45
Jarvis Burrell	2 00
Martin Sumner	39 75
Nathaniel Perkins	11 41
Mark P. Hudson	27 80
Patrick Fitzgerald	36 70
Cephas Washburn	2 50
C. H. Harlow	1 50
Charles Thrasher	6 50
George W. Harden	63 20
Ezra F. Sampson	81 37
Dana F. Edson	18 52
Luther Harden	80 35
Jabez H. Sturtevant	35 40
Patrick Barrett	20 25
Steven O'Neill	2 25
David Roach	138 30
Gammons & Nutter	13 11
N. K. Richardson	4 50
J. M. Loucraft	7 80
E. B. Iron Co.	27 61
Levi W. Noyes	6 00
E. L. Clark	57 00

A. P. Sturtevant	\$3 00
Barney Sheridan	16 50
Allen Washburn	14 00
Chas. Potter	24 75
Sam. T. Howland	10 75
Calvin S. Whitman	15 75
Joseph W. Perry	13 50
Oliver Pratt	23 94
Ebenezer Whitmarsh	32 05
David Pratt	21 00
Charles W. Pratt	9 40
Lucius Harden	3 00
N. W. French	2 76
John B. Brown	3 00
William Ramsdell	15 75
Charles W. Harris	5 00
Lemuel Dunbar	1 50
Estate of L. Richards	3 15
Herbert C. Keith	62 11
Charles A. Latham	26 45
E. Bird	1 00
A. K. Benson	30 37
M. Boynton	15 75
James Clifford	13 50
Daniel Desmond	23 55
John Cummings	13 25
Edward Carr	42 87
Joseph Morse	1 44
James McAnagh	6 00
Frank E. Mitchell	3 75
Daniel Groves	56 78
Mary E. White	16 00
Hosea Hathaway	35 00
Zenas Sturtevant	4 25

Michael Fitzgerald	\$18 00
James F. Cook	30 00
Patrick Drislane	23 10
I. N. Nutter	7 38
Galen Latham	33 65
William Green	6 00
William Desmond	3 00
George French	1 80
R. C. Keith & Bros.	3 80
Thomas Hewitt	1 40
E. Davenport	4 70
C. H. Goss	19 40
Wales Rogers	75
Samuel Shaw	75 00
Cyrus Monroe	11 00
Michael Feeney	7 75
Blany P. Beals	3 60
H. W. White	6 00
F. M. Kingman	1 50
A. H. Keene	1 00
John Burges	5 25
W. B. Crocker	1 50
Luke Worcester	2 75
Freedom Keith	70
E. Thayer	45
Cornelius E. Hooper	6 90
Samuel Keith	127 85
John Lane	1 50

\$2,412 28

Received of the Selectmen orders to the amount of \$2,412 28

There are three unsettled bills to the amount

of about \$60 00

SAMUEL KEITH, *Surveyor.*

REMOVING SNOW, STORM OF FEB. 4, 1882.

Paid L. Churchill, Jr.	.	.	.	.	.	\$3 50
W. M. Judkins	.	.	.	.	.	6 40
S. C. Smith	.	.	.	.	.	3 20
P. Luddy <i>et als.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	37 40
C. H. Harlow	.	.	.	.	.	1 70
W. M. Judkins <i>et als.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	77 75
L. W. Noyes <i>et als.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	48 92
Joshua Sturtevant	.	.	.	.	.	9 70
Ira H. Sumner	.	.	.	.	.	1 40
D. W. Gurney.	.	.	.	.	.	11 00
E. Whitmarsh <i>et als.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	26 90
David S. Gurney	.	.	.	.	.	80
James Brown <i>et als.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	9 40
William A. Dyson, Jr.	.	.	.	.	.	1 30
Melzar Waterman	.	.	.	.	.	2 60
Simeon G. Whitmarsh	.	.	.	.	.	2 80
Chas. Gaffney & Bro.	.	.	.	.	.	5 60
E. L. Clark <i>et als.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	11 30
Otis Bisbee	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Martin Beal	.	.	.	.	.	1 00
George W. Harden <i>et als.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	42 85
Samuel Keith <i>et als.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	39 40
Francis Hayward	.	.	.	.	.	5 95
Theodore Hobart <i>et als.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	8 70
Luther Harden <i>et als.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	9 70
C. H. Goss <i>et als.</i>	.	.	.	.	.	35 40
Daniel Groves, superintendent almshouse	.	.	.	.	.	7 88
W. K. Churchill	.	.	.	.	.	3 40
Allen Washburn	.	.	.	.	.	7 20
N. A. Washburn	.	.	.	.	.	1 90
Henry Gurney.	.	.	.	.	.	4 25

Paid Eliab Latham	\$15 45
John B. Porter <i>et als.</i> (4 bills)	4 77
Lucius Bonney <i>et als.</i> (3 bills)	2 90
Charles Thrasher <i>et als.</i> (2 bills)	3 60
William Desmond <i>et als.</i> (2 bills)	3 40
C. E. Hooper	5 10
Charles A. Latham	1 25
R. A. Littlefield	1 60
William H. Jefferson	6 25
G. A. Wheeler	2 00
Daniel Groves, paid Bloomstrand	1 00

\$478 12

The following persons have been paid by me for clearing the roads of snow-storm of Jan. 10, 1883:—

Henry Gurney	\$5 50
Mitchell Gochil	2 00
Charles A. Latham	2 40
E. H. Brown	1 20
C. E. Brown	2 40
Alonzo Sharp	1 20
J. W. Perry	1 50
L. P. Daniels	1 00
John Curley	2 80
Luther Harden	1 50
E. F. Sampson	1 50
Melzar Waterman	1 00
Jehiel B. Harden	3 00
Hosea Hathaway	1 00
William Dowl	1 00
David H. Gurney	1 00
Allen Washburn	2 40
Eliab Latham	3 60
David Roach	\$7 20
Francis Hayward	3 70

Galen Latham	1 00
Samuel Keith	2 00
E. L. Clark	2 00

 \$51 90

Amount drawn from selectmen	.	.	.				\$51 90
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SAMUEL KEITH, *Surveyor*.

Total amount paid for clearing roads of snow							
during year	\$530 02

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

Paid Theodore Hobart, labor	.	.	.	.			\$1 00
Blackmer & Shepard, timber	.	.	.	.			53 13
Oakes S. Soule, lumber	.	.	.	.			24 64
E. P. Reed & Co., plank	.	.	.	.			74 09
Michael Fitzgerald, labor	.	.	.	.			21 00
F. A. Trescott, labor	.	.	.	.			6 20
Gammons & Nutter, supplies	.	.	.	.			1 50
East Bridgewater Iron Co., labor	.	.	.	.			7 75
Henry Gurney, labor	.	.	.	.			31 50
Ezra F. Sampson, labor	.	.	.	.			5 00
S. L. Ryder, labor	.	.	.	.			41 82
Old Colony Railroad, freight bill	.	.	.	.			8 94
James Fitzgerald	.	.	.	.			13 50
C. H. Goss, lumber and spikes	.	.	.	.			8 59
Alger & Co.'s Express, carting timber	.	.	.	.			2 00
M. L. Webber, labor	.	.	.	.			3 00

 \$303 66

When the town is obliged to build new bridges, we think it would be economy to build of stone or iron instead of wood.

HENRY GURNEY,

L. WATTS RICHARDS,

Selectmen.

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid George A. Wheeler	\$50 00
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DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Minot S. Curtis	\$100 00
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NEW WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Orders drawn by Selectmen for land, labor, and material, as per report of Building Committee,	\$31,68 22
Amount drawn by School Committee	141 25
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	\$3,309 47

ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN.

F. S. Strong, committee	\$7 00
E. W. Nutter, “	14 00
R. O. Harris, “	11 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, “	12 00
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Total cost of building, land, and committee	\$3,353 47

EXTENSION OF COOK STREET.

Paid Henry Gurney	\$29 50
Daniel Groves, supt. almshouse	80 50
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	\$110 00

COMPLETION OF HARVARD STREET.

We contracted with Mr. James Brown for a part of this labor, but only a small amount was performed at the time of his death. The account is unsettled.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Isaac N. Keith and L. W. Richards, audi-		
tors		\$15 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, selectman, etc. . .		52 55
E. W. Nutter, school committee . .		108 25
R. O. Harris, school committee . .		106 76
Benjamin Siddall, constable . . .		62 00
Eliab Latham, selectman, etc. . . .		27 42
Henry Gurney, selectman, etc. . . .		142 50
Samuel Luzarder, constable		10 00
Wales Rogers, constable		6 87
G. A. Wheeler		4 00
Wm. M. Judkins, constable		3 00
Charles H. Goss, selectman, etc. . .		50 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, information, pauper		
claims		5 00
L. W. Richards, selectman, etc. . . .		195 87
Frank Smith, town clerk		59 25
George A. Wheeler, collector		148 82
Isaac N. Nutter, treasurer		100 00
Melvin L. Webber, sexton		50 00
F. S. Strong, school committee . . .		36 33
George M. Keith, moderator		3 00
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		\$1,186 62

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For incidentals	\$452 37
Removing snow	530 02
Repairs of highways	2,412 28
Payment of town officers	1,186 62
Bridges and culverts	303 66

For Suppression of crime	\$50 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00
New school-house	3,212 22
Aid to persons out of the almshouse	1,218 18
Support of poor in almshouse	1,494 82
Building new road	110 00
State aid	988 00
Aid to indigent soldiers	440 00
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	\$12,498 17

LIST OF PERSONS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN
TO SERVE AS JURORS FOR 1883.

George W. Allen.	Charles Thrasher.
Wellington Caldwell.	George B. Howland.
Simeon Richmond.	Francis Hayward.
Samuel Keith.	Simeon C. Keith.
Martin P. McLauchlin.	David Pratt.
William Ramsdell.	Frank Smith.
George E. Skillings.	Samuel C. White.
Franklin Edson.	George W. Dunbar.
Granville C. Allen.	Eleazer Whitman.
Edward F. Field.	Abbot T. Hewitt.
Luther Harden.	Asaph Thompson.
Newton M. Keen.	Zebina Keith.
Eliab Latham.	Edmund W. Nutter.
Nathan M. Pool.	Ezra F. Sampson.
Benjamin Ward.	William Edson.
Charles G. Wood.	Robert Young.
Marcellus Boynton.	

HENRY GURNEY,

L. WATTS RICHARDS,

Selectmen of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION FOR 1882.

Real estate	\$1,029,620 00
Personal estate	424,750 00
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	\$1,454,370 00
Number of polls, 810.	
Tax on each poll, \$2.00.	
Rate of taxation, .0125.	
State tax	\$1,540 00
County tax	1,524 42
Elmwood road and bridge	3,608 54
Interest on note	98 62
Town tax	14,250 00
Added above original tax warrants	778 04
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	\$21,799 62
Less estimate of corporation and bank tax from	
Commonwealth	2,000 00
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	\$19,799 62
Added, one poll	2 00
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	\$19,801 62
Committed for collection	\$19,801 59
Lost by fractions	03
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	\$19,801 62

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

AMOUNT MONEY DRAWN FROM THE TREASURY.

Paid E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., clothing,	
1881	\$37 55
E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., clothing,	
1882	1 00
Amos Hunting, supplies . .	289 12
Daniel Groves, salary . .	391 66
Charles E. Gaffney, cutting	
wood	6 87
Dr. C. E. Field, one half bill .	25 00
Charles H. Goss, mowing ma-	
chine and horse rake . .	102 00
Charles H. Goss, flour and	
grain	311 51
Daniel Groves, to pay help hay-	
ing	113 00
Isaac N. Nutter, supplies .	24 65
Gammons & Nutter, supplies .	18 13
Martin Howland, oxen and bull	121 00
Waldo Brothers, drain pipe .	26 40
Old Colony Railroad freight	
bill, drain pipe	1 43
B. W. Keith, insurance alms-	
house, etc.	22 50
E. S. Davenport, digging grave	
Adeline Keen	3 00
	\$1,494 82

CASH PAID BACK INTO TREASURY.

Sale of hay to James Munroe	\$98 89	
Two steers	110 00	
Hay, Jacob Folsom	21 90	
Cash in hands superintendent		
almshouse, Feb. 1, 1883	104 79	
Drain pipe from almshouse	8 12	
Fat cattle to C. Leavitt	127 50	
	<hr/>	\$471 20
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		\$1,023 62
Deduct amount of E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., bill,		
1881		37 55
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Net amount drawn from treasury for support of		
poor in almshouse for year	\$986 07	
Number of inmates during the year		11
Average number		8
Present number		7
Cost per week for support, nearly	\$2 37	

Mrs. Adeline H. Keen has died during the year. We think there is as much personal property on hand as in the beginning of the year. There is less stock but more hay, and we have bought a new mowing machine and horse rake.

REPORT OF ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash received from treasury	\$113 00
“ “ for labor and teams	215 05
“ “ hay sold	28 26
“ “ milk	16 23
“ “ eggs	13 06
“ “ butter	4 48
“ “ bull	22 50

Cash received for onions	.	.	.	.	\$8 15
" " pork	.	.	.	.	18 62
" " apples	.	.	.	.	1 22
" " pumpkins	.	.	.	.	65
" " beef	.	.	.	.	1 25
" " sale steers	.	.	.	.	110 00
" " old accounts	2 00
" " from former board O. P.	59
" " sale rake, lumber, etc.	5 10
" " pasture and oats	21 93
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					\$582 09

In addition to this account have performed labor, sold hay, pork, butter, veal, etc., to the amount of \$86.78, and exchanged with Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Hunting, and Mr. Ward, for labor, groceries, and beef.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

CR.

Cash paid for fish	.	.	.	.	.	\$14 97
" " " cloth	.	.	.	.	.	12 41
" " " lounge	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
" " " furniture, labor, repairs, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	25 20
" " " tea	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
" " " clothing	.	.	.	.	.	4 88
" " " posts	.	.	.	.	.	4 40
" " " sundries	.	.	.	.	.	9 97
" " Mr. Holbrook, coffin, Mrs. Keen	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
" " Gammons & Nutter	.	.	.	.	.	7 04
" " Benjamin Ward, balance account	.	.	.	.	.	21 44
" " A. Sturtevant, blacksmithing	.	.	.	.	.	20 93
" " for pork barrels	.	.	.	.	.	3 25
" " " seed	.	.	.	.	.	2 15

Cash paid for medicine		\$4 65
“ “ Mr. Jefferson, balance account . . .		14 53
“ “ Selectmen, money for steers . . .		110 00
“ “ Lewis Raymond, labor		26 50
“ “ Charles Gaffney, labor		164 23
“ “ Charles Gaffney, slaughtering . . .		5 00
“ “ for wood		3 75
“ “ Selectmen, balance cash on hand . .		104 79
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		\$582 09
Balance old bills due almshouse . . .	\$29 48	
“ new “ “	14 00	
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AID TO POOR PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMS-
HOUSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1883.

Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Nathaniel S. Bouldry	\$187 29
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board of Hannah Dunn . . .	185 96
City of Lynn, aid to the Con- nors children	221 50
Timothy Mitchell, aid to Lucina Mitchell, 1881	6 50
Mrs. Dugan	11 35
Mrs. Brainard	12 55
B. H. Fisher	5 00
Mrs. Thomas H. Cummings . . .	41 19
Mrs. John H. Chadwick . . .	23 27
Sally Packard	30 00
George W. Osborn	28 25
Mrs. Robert Wade	8 56
C. Atwood, belongs in Hanson	3 00

Paid Mrs. J. L. Coulter	\$42 33
H. Hutchinson, belongs in South Abington	3 00
Hermon A. Washburn	28 35
William U. Brett and family . .	82 00
Robert Washburn	23 00
Dr. C. E. Field, half of bill . .	25 00
City of Brockton, aid to Andrew P. Young and family	25 86
Mrs. Sears R. Frost	3 43
Town Weymouth, aid O'Brien Quigley and family	10 00
Charles D. Hatch and family . .	60 80
City of Fall River, aid to Feren- der C. Negus	41 75
City of Lowell, aid to Catherine Quinn	21 00
Frank Alden, belongs in Bridge- water	1 82

\$1,132 76

We have paid the Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Mrs. Mehitable Milliken, which has been refunded to the town	85 42	
	<hr/>	\$1,218 18
Received and due from other towns		124 51
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Town's proportion aid to indigent soldiers		\$1,093 67
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Net amount of aid to poor and indigent soldiers out of almshouse		\$220 00
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		\$1,313 67

HENRY GURNEY,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
Overseers of Poor.

TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss. To either of the Constables of the town of
East Bridgewater, in the county of Plymouth,

GREETING :

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

You are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet as the Town House, in said town, on Monday, the twelfth day of March, A. D. 1883, at one o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit :—

ART. 1. To choose a moderator.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of town officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay all town expenses.

ART. 5. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 158 of the Acts of 1871. (Public Stat., Chap. 17, Sect. 74–78.) To see if the town will choose a Board of Road Commissioners.

ART. 6. To determine the manner of repairing the highways.

ART. 7. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize their Collector of Taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 10. To act on a list of jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

ART. 11. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

ART. 12. To see what action the town will take in regard to requiring the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools for this town.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in regard to the pay of members of the School Committee in case of the appointment of a Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 14. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to have the lowest grade as now taught in the High School taught in the grammar schools, and raise the grade for admission to the High School, dispense with the assistant teacher, and divide the money now paid to that teacher among the other schools.

ART. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a new stone bridge near the house of Charles A. Latham.

ART. 16. To see if the town will purchase the lot of land upon which the Hook and Ladder House now stands.

ART. 17. To see if the town will build a sidewalk from the village to Elmwood on Bedford Street (by request).

ART. 18. To see whether the town will by its vote or otherwise ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens (by request).

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

HENRY GURNEY,

L. WATTS RICHARDS,

Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Town Treasurer,*

in account with Town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1882.

DR.

Feb. 20.	Balance, as per previous report .	\$3,372 57
“ 27.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition.	110 33
	State treasurer, corporation tax .	67 08
	Town of Kingston, burial of child .	5 00
“ 18.	G. A. Wheeler, interest collected .	10
Mar. 10.	C. H. Goss, for cinder . . .	5 25
	City of Taunton, aid to H. P. Caswell	20 09
April 1.	Overseers of poor, for hay sold .	98 89
“ 10.	Willis Harden, release of real estate	68 15
“ 13.	Charles W. Harden, “ “	33 81
May 3.	Henry Gurney, release of real estate taxed to Mary Brown . . .	29 23
“ 17.	State treasurer, on town note . .	2,000 00
June 7.	Selectmen, amount received for cattle	110 00
“ 24.	Agent of Barnum's Menagerie, damage to Hook and Ladder House	5 00
July 5.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest	10 00
“ 15.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, on note of town	2,000 00
Sept. 5.	Building committee of West Primary School-house, from sale of old house	163 75

Sept. 16.	Town of Hanson, aid to Atwood family	\$3 00
" 26.	Henry A Osborne, release of real estate	8 59
Dec. 2.	State Treasurer, Corporation tax .	1,217 00
	National bank tax	740 10
	State aid . . .	936 50
	Relief of soldiers.	105 00
1883.		
Jan. 22.	County treasurer, dividend on dog tax	233 45
" 25.	State treasurer, income school fund	196 37
Feb. 3.	Selectmen, balance of warden's account	104 79
	Selectmen, hay sold from almshouse	21 90
	Drain pipe sold . . .	8 12
	Plank sold	1 75
" 7.	Town of South Abington, aid to soldiers	31 27
	Town of South Abington, aid to H. Hutchinson	3 00
" 9.	Asa Millet, guardian of Mehitable Milliken, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Asylum	85 42
" 13.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of scholars	89 46
	Geo. A. Wheeler, collector, on account of tax of 1882, including interest collected . . .	19,797 78
" 9.	Selectmen, amount received for oxen sold from almshouse . . .	127 50
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		\$31,810 25

CR.

1882.

Feb. 27.	State treasurer, national bank tax .	\$18 39
Aug. 10.	Town of Hanson, tax	53
Oct. 2.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	2,000 00
	State treasurer, two notes	5,608 54
	Interest on notes	146 73
Nov. 3.	County treasurer, county tax . .	1,524 42
Dec. 2.	State treasurer, State tax . . .	1,540 00
	Orders drawn by selectmen out- standing at date of former re- port	16 35
	Orders drawn by school committee	6,582 78
	Orders drawn by selectmen . . .	12,498 17
	Tax of 1882 on real estate held by town by deeds from collector .	15 25
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		\$29,951 16
	Cash on hand	1,859 09
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		\$31,810 25

I. N. NUTTER,

Town Treasurer.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Feb. 19, 1883.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

GEORGE A. WHEELER, *Collector*,

In account with Town of EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount of commitment	\$19,801 59
To interest	41 29
Total	\$19,842 88

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By amount paid treasurer	\$19,797 76
By taxes uncollected	45 12
Total	\$19,842 88

Cash paid treasurer by collector:—

Sept. 16, 1882	\$465 00
“ 23, “	1,517 82
“ 27, “	393 38
“ 30, “	7,992 46
Oct. 10, “	398 37
“ 11, “	2,184 74
“ 21, “	296 42
“ 30, “	285 79
Nov. 4, “	296 50
“ 7, “	828 29
“ 11, “	250 00
“ 21, “	324 92
“ 28, “	505 58

Cash paid treasurer by collector :—

Dec. 2, 1882	\$1,142 27
“ 9, “	325 49
“ 16, “	300 00
Feb. 7, 1883	2,107 40
“ 17, “	183 35
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						\$19,797 78

ABATEMENTS.

George Adams, Jr., left town	\$2 00
Joseph E. Allen, left town	2 87
Andrew J. Blair, left town	.	.	.	.	2 00
Charles D. Beauchemin, left town	.	.	.	.	2 00
James S. Bailey, not taxable	.	.	.	.	2 00
Nathan G. Bates, left town	.	.	.	.	2 00
Thomas Bouldry, unknown	.	.	.	.	2 00
William U. Brett, sick, unable to pay	.	.	.	.	2 00
Alson W. Chandler, not taxable	.	.	.	.	2 00
David Cavanaugh, left town	.	.	.	.	2 00
John Cook, estate of, not taxable	.	.	.	.	4 38
George Doherty, left town	.	.	.	.	2 00
James T. Eagan, left town	.	.	.	.	2 00
Dennis Eagan, left town	.	.	.	.	2 00
James P. Eagan, unknown	.	.	.	.	2 00
Franklin Edson, excess	.	.	.	.	25 00
John Fitzgerald, left town	.	.	.	.	2 00
Moses Fillon, left town	.	.	.	.	2 00
Estate Sears R. Frost, unable to pay	.	.	.	.	6 00
Lester H. Gurney, not taxable	.	.	.	.	2 00
Rurgur Gustoo, left town	.	.	.	.	2 00
Alonzo S. Hathaway, unable to pay	.	.	.	.	2 00
B. L. Hall, not taxable	.	.	.	.	2 00
A. L. Joyce, not taxable	.	.	.	.	2 00

James M. Jefferson, left town . . .	2 38
William W. Keen, unable to pay . . .	\$6 87
B. W. Keith, excess . . .	4 62
Jerry Laperl, left town . . .	2 00
James McCarty, unknown . . .	2 00
John Murry, unable to pay . . .	2 00
Michael Mahoney, dead . . .	2 00
Charles W. Nickerson, not taxable . . .	2 00
George H. Pratt, Jr., not taxable . . .	2 50
H. H. Packard, not taxable . . .	2 50
George T. Parker, unknown . . .	2 00
John Quinlan, left town . . .	2 00
Dexter Reed, estate of, unable to pay . . .	5 63
Reuben Rice, not taxable . . .	2 00
Rogers & Sheldon, excess . . .	2 50
K. E. Sheldon, excess . . .	7 12
Byron Spiller, left town . . .	2 00
C. C. Small, left town . . .	2 00
Charles Sullivan, not taxable . . .	2 00
William E. Shaw, left town . . .	2 00
Frank E. Wentworth, Florida . . .	2 00
George G. Wilbar, unable to pay . . .	2 00
Harriet Washburn, unable to pay . . .	1 25
Robert Washburn, unable to pay . . .	2 00
Robert Young, excess . . .	2 00
Frank Moore, left town . . .	2 00
Charles Smith, unable to pay . . .	2 50
Phillip Daniels, left town . . .	2 00

 \$152 12

AUDITORS' REPORT.

WE have hastily examined the accounts of the following named town officers, and report as follows:—

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn	.	.	.	.	\$12,498 17
Paid by the treasurer	.	.	.	.	12,498 17

Orders drawn by former Board of Selectmen to the amount of \$16.35 have been paid by the treasurer.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn	.	.	.	.	\$6,582 78
Paid by treasurer	.	.	.	.	6,582 78

TREASURER.

Total amount received from all sources during					
the year	\$31,810 25
Total amount paid by treasurer	29,951 16
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Cash in hands of treasurer	\$1,859 09

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection	.	.	.	\$19,801 59
Interest collected	.	.	.	41 31
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				\$19,842 90
Paid treasurer	.	.	.	19,797 78
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Uncollected	.	.	.	\$45 12
The total valuation is	.	.	.	\$1,454,015 00

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. WHITMARSH,
I. N. KEITH,
G. C. ALLEN,

Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1882.

Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	.	.	.	.	\$134 92
"	3.	Ball	.	.	.	.	12 00
"	10.	Assembly	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	17.	Ball	.	.	.	.	12 00
"	19.	Temperance Union	.	.	.	.	2 50
"	22.	E. B. Band	.	.	.	.	12 00
March	8.	Concert	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	24.	Unitarian Society	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	31.	Unitarian Sunday School	.	.	.	.	5 00
April	6, 7.	High School	.	.	.	.	8 00
"	11.	Concert	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	14.	Ball	.	.	.	.	12 00
"	21.	Ball	.	.	.	.	12 00
"	26, 27, 28.	E. B. Band, Fair	.	.	.	.	10 00
May	11.	E. B. Band	.	.	.	.	3 00
"	25.	Temperance Convention	.	.	.	.	6 00
June	3.	Temperance Union	.	.	.	.	2 50
"	8.	C. B. Dobson	.	.	.	.	10 00
"	14.	Unitarian Sewing Circle	.	.	.	.	3 00
"	15.	Mrs. Parker	.	.	.	.	5 00
"	21.	Concert	.	.	.	.	5 00
Aug.	29.	Ellis Family	.	.	.	.	8 00
Sept.	12.	Ball	.	.	.	.	15 00
"	21.	Ball	.	.	.	.	13 00

Oct.	19.	Spauldings	\$10 00
"	25.	Sullivan's Combination	10 00
"	27.	Dance	10 00
Nov.	6.	Lecture	5 00
"	10.	Assembly	7 50
"	17.	Dance	8 00
"	24.	Assembly	7 50
"	30.	Dance	10 00
Dec.	8.	Assembly	7 50
"	14.	E. B. Band	12 00
"	19, 20.	Union Church Fair	12 00
"	25.	Unitarian Society	5 00
"	27.	High School	5 00

1883.

Jan.	1.	Unitarian S. S. Lower Hall	3 00
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 \$423 42

EXPENDITURES.

1882.

Feb.	28.	Isadas Fuller	\$15 50
March	1.	M. S. Curtis, painting	125 00
"	2.	J. Hobart, coal	3 63
April	4.	Isadas Fuller	8 50
"	19.	J. Hobart, coal	6 13
May	6.	Isadas Fuller	13 50
July	1.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc.	26 80
"	3.	Isadas Fuller	12 00
Oct.	6.	Isadas Fuller	9 50
"	7.	Henry Gurney, wood	2 50
"	19.	Cash, for step-ladder	4 50
Nov.	4.	F. E. Wentworth, signs	1 80
"	4.	Isadas Fuller	6 00
Dec.	8.	Isadas Fuller	9 00

1883.

Jan.	2.	J. Hobart, coal	\$14 50
"	3.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc. .	21 05
"	3.	Insurance on Town Hall . .	37 50
"	5.	Isadas Fuller	9 00
"	31.	Frank Smith, wax for floor . .	1 35
"	31.	Frank Smith, sec. and treas. com..	10 00
"	31.	Isadas Fuller	1 00
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			\$338 76
Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	84 66
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			\$423 42

E. S. WHITMARSH,

I. N. NUTTER,

FRANK SMITH,

Committee.

Audited Feb. 8, 1883.

G. C. ALLEN.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

THIS committee held its first meeting at the office of E. S. Whitmarsh, Esq., on the evening of April 17, 1882, and organized by choosing Mr. F. S. Strong chairman, and R. O. Harris secretary.

Subsequent meetings were held, at which Mr. S. L. Ryder was present by invitation, and at which he submitted plans for a new building.

The plan by which the building was built was finally adopted by a majority of the committee at a meeting held on Friday, June 16.

Requests for bids for the contract for erecting the house were sent to various builders in the county, but only three were put in. That of Mr. F. P. Whitmarsh, of this town, was accepted, it being the lowest, and on July 4 a contract made with him, by your committee, for \$1,850.

Mr. Whitmarsh went to work immediately, and pushed the work as rapidly as possible, but was unable to complete the building on Sept. 1, simply because the committee did not commence its work early enough last spring.

There is no need of saying much, if anything, in regard to the building, for it stands where all can see it. It affords two fine school-rooms, each with ample blackboard room, ample entrances, and wardrobes for the girls. The house is thoroughly built, and there is no place in it where either work or material fails to come fully up to the requirements of the contract.

The committee tender Mr. Whitmarsh their most hearty thanks for the courtesy shown them at all times when inspecting the building, and for the readiness with which he made the additions to or changes in the work, from time to time, as they suggested themselves.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

DR.

Appropriation for house and land . . .	\$2,700 00
Proceeds from old house . . .	163 75
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	\$2,863 75

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Paid Stephen Harlow, land . . .	\$85 00
Mrs. James Mahoney, land . . .	85 00
Zina Hayward, cellar wall . . .	112 70
Dennis Curran, carting . . .	10 00
J. M. Whiting, mason work . . .	203 99
Thomas Keith, surveying . . .	6 00
F. P. Whitmarsh, contract . . .	1,850 00
F. P. Whitmarsh, lumber . . .	233 37
F. P. Whitmarsh, extra labor . . .	110 15
Dennis Dreslane, labor . . .	4 50
Cornelius O'Brien, labor . . .	5 25
A. K. Benson, labor . . .	46 55
Daniel Roach, filling . . .	316 53
Michael Winn, labor . . .	2 25
Con. Clarharty, labor . . .	14 25
Nicholas Saunders, soil . . .	52 68
E. S. Whitmarsh, agent, insurance . . .	33 75
S. L. Ryder, architect . . .	30 00

Paid J. A. Weston, chairs	\$5 50
Buffalo Hardware Co., desks	102 00
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Amount expended	\$3,309 47
“ available	2,863 75
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Expended in excess	\$445 72

FRED. S. STRONG,
E. S. WHITMARSH,
E. W. NUTTER,
ROBERT O. HARRIS,

Building Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-five marriages have been recorded during the year 1882.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
1882.	
Jan. 1.	Timothy Swift of Bridgewater, and Mary A. Burke of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Jan. 11.	Carlos H. Place of Boston, and Pauline M. Keith of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Jan. 14.	Joseph W. Perry and Elizabeth A. Harden, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
Jan. 14.	Roland V. Bouldry and Idella F. Vickery, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.
Feb. 25.	Albert H. Brigham of South Abington, and Hannah J. Stevens of Hanson. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
March 16.	Elmer E. Magoun of Pembroke, and Edna S. Foster of East Bridgewater. By Rev. W. H. Dowden.
April 2.	Edwin L. Emerson of Brockton, and Lora G. Kingman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
April 9.	John Dillon and Sarah Connors, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
April 16.	Thomas Condon and Kate Carroll, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

- April 22. Anson W. Jenkins and Clara H. Hooper, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Perley M. Griffin.
- May 11. Howard C. Pearson and Clara G. Bates, both of South Abington. By Rev. Perley M. Griffin.
- May 16. Charles E. Spinney of Brockton, and Nellie M. Chandler of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.
- June 7. Job E. Sisson and Lizzie F. Clarke, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.
- June 17. John F. Jordan of East Bridgewater, and Ella P. Peterson of Plymouth. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- June 20. Waldo A. Drake of South Abington, and Hannah A. Dyson of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- July 2. Frank B. Chandler and Sarah D. Lyon, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
- July 9. Albert H. Long and Lizzie Jones, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- July 30. John Ames of Marshfield, and Delia M. Beals of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Ebenezer Alden.
- Aug. 21. Willard T. Holmes of East Bridgewater, and Rossanna Hagan of Bridgewater. By Rev. M. Doherty.
- Sept. 16. Charles R. Larry and Bethia A. Hutchinson, both of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Sept. 20. Charles E. Drake of East Bridgewater, and Susan E. Gay of Hudson, N. H. By Rev. W. W. Tufts.
- Sept. 21. Henry F. Arnold of Brockton, and Eleva L. Jordan of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

- Oct. 5. Thomas H. Bouldry and Celia W. Gurney, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Oct. 8. James W. Porter and Carrie H. Baker, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. C. Bodwell.
- Oct. 20. Nahum Keith of East Bridgewater, and Maria C. Thayer of Hanover. By Rev. J. W. Willett.
- Oct. 21. Alphonso B. Wright of East Bridgewater, and Mary L. Sampson of Brockton. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Nov. 7. Samuel C. White and Mary E. White, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Nov. 11. Ernest W. Lindsey of West Bridgewater, and Elizabeth H. Gurney of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.
- Nov. 19. Michael O'Fallon of West Bridgewater, and Ellen J. Duane of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
- Nov. 23. Samuel W. Barrett of East Bridgewater, and Nellie E. Casey of Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
- Nov. 27. George E. Crafts of East Bridgewater, and Rose R. Carter of Boston. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.
- Nov. 28. Frank H. Weston of East Bridgewater, and Lizzie F. Estes of Duxbury. By Rev. R. D. Burr.
- Nov. 29. Lucius R. Churchill of West Bridgewater, and Cora J. Poole of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
- Dec. 4. Daniel W. Noyes of East Bridgewater, and Amelia E. Williams of Brockton. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.
- Dec. 20. William M. Dow and Flora R. Gurney, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.

FRANK SMITH,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1882.

DATE OF BIRTH.	FULL NAME.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
1882.		
Jan. 5....	Sarah Emmet Curran.....	Dennis and Mary A.
" 17....	Everett Forbes Hathaway....	Walter B. and Angie.
Feb. 6....	Lucy Horton Curtis.....	Edward B. and Georgianna.
" 21....	Annie Francis Harden.....	John W. and Lura
" 23....	Lester Magoun Bradford.....	Orrin W. and Annie T.
March 2....	Fannie Murphy, } Triplets	William and Elizabeth.
" 2....	Katie Murphy, }	
" 2....	Delia Murphy, }	
" 23....	Clara Frances Winn.....	Bernard and Mary.
" 24....	Thomas Carroll.....	John W. and Annie.
April 6....	Michael Davitt Carroll.....	Patrick F. and Bridget.
" 12....	Clement Balfour Nash.....	Francis A. and Kezia.
" 19....	Grace Leonard Mann.....	Frederic C. and Millie L.
May 1....	Alton Lester McWilliams....	Henry G. and Lydia J.
" 6....	John Foley.....	Francis J. and Annie M.
" 7....	Michael Foley.....	Patrick and Mary.
" 20....	Nellie May Sites.....	George and Joanna.
June 16 ..	Mary Alice Ramsdell	Albion L. and Hattie C.
" 17....	—— Willis.....	Galen. 2d, and Celia A.
" 28....	Edna Perkins Dyson.....	Edwin F. and Eliza A.
July 12....	—— Temple	Marcus and Jane A.
" 17....	Patrick Francis Campbell....	Edmund and Alice M.
Aug. 6....	Nelson Everett Richardson...	Everett N. and Lillian C.
" 20....	Robert Perkins Beals.....	John E. and Avis C.
" 24....	—— Duubar.....	Horace P. and Ellen F.
Sept. 13....	Annie Watson Timmons.....	James and Catharine A.
" 21....	Alfred Russell Clark.....	Edward W. and Ruth A.
Oct. 2....	John Andrew Bussey.....	William H. and Catharine.
" 20....	Clarence Brewster Fuller, Jr..	Clarence B. and Sarah L.
" 24....	Minna Alger Hayward	Martin A. and Ellen B.
" 29....	Edwin Martindale Skillings...	George E. and Ada A. B.
Nov. 13....	Percy Landers Josselyn	William A. and Susan J.
" 22....	Lillith Sproat Swain.....	William D. and Ida W.
" 26....	Catharine Reardon Carroll....	Morris and Mary M.
Dec. 8....	Walter Burdoe.....	Timothy and Demarise.
" 8....	Lena Amanda Gardner.....	Edward C. and Susie A.
" 9....	Albert White.....	Paul and Annie P.
" 26....	Albert Butler Jenness	G. Butler and Ella M.
" 28....	Elizabeth Maud Alden.....	George E. and Edith C.
" 29....	—— Paine.....	Howard and Mary F.
" 30....	Lawrence Cavanaugh.....	David and Alice.
Jan. 18....	Daisy Clifton Churchill.....	Frank N. and Florence W.
1881.		
April 22....	Grace Neville	Andrew and Elizabeth.

Whole number of births in 1882, 42: males, 22; females, 20.

* FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1882.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1882.					
Jan. 10,	Georgianna Humble.....	28	7	25	Phthisis.
" 26,	Harrison G. Byram	79	2	..	Apoplexy.
" 26,	Charles Clifton Bemis.....	..	..	5	Premature Birth.
Feb. 1,	Pamela Beals.....	77	..	25	Cancer.
" 8,	Lydia C. Benson	57	3	..	Chronic Nephritis.
" 15,	Bessie K. Bartlett	6	5	23	Diphtheria.
" 15,	Amelia E. Raymond	68	10	15	Peritonitis.
" 20,	Betsey J. White	59	9	..	Paralysis.
March 13,	Mary Ford	67	..	..	Cancer.
" 21,	Carrie Boden	9	..	..	Pneumonia.
April 7,	Bathshua Keith	90	6	18	Apoplexy.
" 14,	Joan Amelia Bird	41	6	..	Consumption.
" 20,	John L. Coulter.....	46	..	9	Internal Injuries.
" 28,	Eliza M. Chandler	86	5	7	Old Age.
May 7,	John Foley.....	..	..	2	Premature Birth.
" 10,	Mary J. Hobart	66	..	29	Lung Fever.
" 16,	Elizabeth M. Keith.....	14	8	15	Pulmonary Edema.
" 23,	Sidney L. Bradford.....	20	6	..	Cerebral Meningitis.
June 13,	Phebe Jenkins	82	2	11	Old Age.
" 13,	John B. Fisher	41	4	2	Paralysis.
" 13,	Hannah M. Richards.....	47	10	5	Cancer.
" 19,	Nancy H. Blanchard	68	1	4	Marasmus.
" 20,	Mary W. Orr.....	84	4	21	Chronic Gastritis.
" 26,	Lawrence A. Duane.....	16	1	20	Diphtheria.
Aug. 6,	Wadsworth Phillips.....	81	11	14	Old Age.
" 8,	Abner L. Alden.....	76	8	17	Dysentery.
" 17,	Sidney Allen.....	75	11	6	Disease of Spleen.
" 18,	Hannah L. Litchfield.....	81	8	..	Colic.
Sept. 2,	Lizzie Mary Adams .....	..	9	13	Cholera Infantum.
" 9,	John B. Whiting.....	62	5	9	Consumption.
" 9,	William F. Pratt.....	69	11	25	Paraplegia.
" 23,	Arthur M. Freeman.....	20	4	11	Typhoid Fever.
" 25,	Edna P. Dyson.....	..	2	27	Meningitis.
" 28,	Katie L. Duody.....	18	11	7	Tuberculosis.
Oct. 1,	Joseph Souza.....	..	9	22	Cholera Infantum.
" 8,	Moses P. Perkins.....	82	11	27	Kidney Disease.
" 8,	John Lubey	64	..	..	Consumption.
" 24,	George W. Harden.....	58	8	19	Cancer.
Nov. 13,	Alfred B. Sime.....	3	..	..	Diphtheria.
" 22,	Albert E. Edson.....	12	3	1	Diphtheria.
" 25,	Lucy H. Keith.....	22	2	27	Phthisis.
Dec. 7,	James Brown	62	9	28	Paralysis.
" 12,	Scott Keith.....	85	0	19	Sclerosis of Liver.
" 14,	Allie L. Willis.....	13	11	25	Pericarditis.
" 18,	Gideon Wilbar.....	71	..	2	Typhoid Fever.

Whole number of deaths in 188245

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

TAX PAYERS FOR YEAR 1882.

NAMES.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Abner L. Alden.....		\$630	\$9 88
Benjamin R. Alden.....	\$1,000	40	15 00
Bradford Allen.....			2 00
Benjamin Alden.....	90		3 13
Bethuel Adams.....		900	13 25
Charles E. Allen.....			2 00
Charles W. Adams.....			2 00
David Allen.....			2 00
Diana Allen.....	350	3,290	45 50
Granville C. Allen.....			2 00
George Allen.....	500		8 25
George W. Allen.....	200	730	13 63
Galen Allen.....	190	1,890	28 00
George Adams, Jr.....			2 00
George E. Alden.....	30	550	9 25
Henry Allen.....	180	1,700	25 50
Harriet L. Alden.....		2,950	36 88
James S. Allen.....	3,600	5,000	109 50
Joseph Alden.....			2 00
J. S. Abbott.....			2 00
John Aldrich.....			2 00
Joseph E. Allen.....	70		2 87
Sidney Allen.....	2,060	2,100	54 00
Sidney Allen, trustee.....	1,000		12 50
Samuel B. Allen, estate of.....		2,130	26 62
William Allen.....		1,650	22 63
William Andrews.....			2 00
Albert Bates.....			2 00
Algenon S. Brett.....	30	750	11 75
Andrew J. Blair.....			2 00
Andrew G. Blackman.....	100	600	10 75
Asaph Beal.....			2 00
Alfred Bottomore.....	50	900	13 87
Albion K. Benson.....		750	11 38
Augustus W. Blanchard.....	370	975	18 81
Auguste A. Bailey.....			2 00
Blaney P. Beal.....	130	1,120	17 62
Branch L. Byram.....	50	700	11 38
Benjamin T. Baker.....			2 00
B. Warren Bennett.....			2 00
Charles Blockhouse.....		1,000	14 50

NAMES.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Cushing Bird			\$2 00
Charles D. Beauchenein			2 00
Charles W. Bennett		\$1,350	18 88
Charles R. Beal	\$220	1,900	28 50
Charles H. Brown	400	1,620	27 25
Charles Boden		450	7 62
Daniel T. Blanchard		800	12 00
David W. Brown	200	2,980	41 75
De Witt C. Barker		900	13 25
David Brown, estate of	190	5,530	71 50
Daniel T. Blanchard, Jr.	225		4 81
Edwin Brown	270	1,200	20 38
Edwin W. Brown	30	1,200	17 37
Elijah Bird		500	8 25
Edmund Bird	30		2 38
Eleazer C. Bennett		750	11 38
Edward W. Barrows	100	1,950	27 62
Ezekiel R. Bartlett			2 00
Edward E. Brown			2 00
Fred. L. Benson			2 00
Fred. L. Brown	150		3 88
Fred. G. Bonney			2 00
George G. Beal	150		3 87
George Bryant	140	2,600	36 25
George H. Benson			2 00
George Benson	220	2,900	41 00
George W. Barrell, estate of		1,000	12 50
George Bush			2 00
George E. Brown	160	600	11 50
George W. Blanchard, estate of	40	3,590	45 38
George H. Byram, estate of		1,400	17 50
Henry W. Bird		600	9 50
Irving Bates			2 00
Isaac N. Bourne		750	11 37
Isaac J. Bourne		1,000	14 50
Horatio G. Bates, estate of		2,380	29 75
Isaac Brown		1,480	20 50
Jarvis Burrell	780	2,500	43 00
John Burgess	320	250	9 13
John A. Bourne			2 00
John E. Beal			2 00
John B. Brown	30	310	6 25
John E. Brown	20	390	7 13
Joseph E. Bisbee	130		3 62
James A. Bates	600		9 50
Joshua T. Brewster	90		3 13
James S. Bailey			2 00
James Brown			2 00
John Burrell	200		4 50
James A. Britton			2 00
John Buckley			2 60
Lucius Bonney	200	1,500	23 25

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Levi P. Bailey	\$200	\$1,360	\$21 50
Lorenzo L. Byram..	200	800	14 50
Levi A. Baker.....			2 00
Martin Beal.....	50	550	9 50
Marcellus Boynton.....			2 00
Mrs. M. A. Bailey.....	200	6,450	83 13
Michael Burke		400	7 00
Nathan G. Bates			2 00
Nathaniel S. Bouldry	30		2 37
Orrin W. Bradford		1,300	18 25
Oliver C. Barrows			2 00
Otis Bisbee	50		2 63
Patrick Birmingham.....	10	550	9 00
Nathaniel Beals, estate of.....		250	3 13
Peter Bloomstrand, estate of.....	220	200	5 25
Rodney W. Bouldry, estate of.....	30	70	1 25
Rowena W. Bennett.....		50	63
Reuben Bates	200	1,600	24 50
Royal T. Brett	50	450	8 25
Richmond A. Barton			2 00
Samuel Beal			2 00
Samuel W. Barrett			2 00
Susan W. Bennett.....		1,300	16 25
Sarah Bush	1,050	1,500	31 88
Susan Byram		150	1 88
Thomas Bouldry			2 00
Thomas H. Bouldry			2 00
William H. Brown	140		3 75
Walter Lawrence Benson.....	2,100		28 25
William U. Brett.....			2 00
William R. Barton.....	230		4 87
William E. Barton			2 00
William Bottomore			2 00
Walter H. Brown.....		60	2 75
Walter Loring Benson.....			2 00
William H. Bussey			2 00
Zephraim Bernier			2 00
Abisha S. Churchill.....		1,300	18 25
Andrew Clark.....		830	12 38
Alson W. Chandler.....			2 00
Bartley Curran.....	30	700	11 13
Charles F. Clark.....	30	900	13 62
Cornelius Clarharty.....			2 00
Clarence A. Chandler.....	5,300		68 25
Calvin Chamberlain			2 00
Charles Cole			2 00
Daniel Chaplin	150	1,300	22 13
Dennis Curran	150		3 87
David Cavanaugh			2 00
Elijah L. Clark.....	225	1,250	20 44
Edgar L. Clark.....	200	50	5 12
Elbridge Curtis, estate of		1,450	18 13

NAMES.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Edmund Campbell		\$800	\$12 00
Edward Clark			2 00
Edward L. Churchill			2 00
Francis B. Chamberlain			2 00
Frank N. Churchill			2 00
Frank B. Chandler			2 00
Frederic A. Crafts	\$150		3 88
Frank Collomore, Jr			2 00
Francis W. Chamberlain			2 00
George E. Crafts			2 00
George H. Carleton		850	12 62
George L. Chamberlain			2 00
Harvey Chandler	30	850	13 00
Henry Casey			2 00
Harry Cole			2 00
Harvey P. Carleton			2 00
John W. Carroll			2 00
John Curley			2 00
James W. Cooper		900	13 25
James Cunningham		400	7 00
John C. Carr		300	5 75
James W. Cooper, Jr			2 00
James F. Cook			2 00
John Cummings	60	950	14 62
John Cook, estate of	150	2,500	33 13
James C. Cook	40	1,400	20 00
John A. Carr	7,000		89 50
Luther Churchill	120	2,200	31 00
Luther Churchill, Jr.	825	450	17 93
Lucius J. Curtis			2 00
Levi Churchill, estate of	50	4,550	57 50
Lot Campbell			2 00
Martha S. Curtis	100	3,350	43 13
Maurice Carroll			2 00
Minot S. Curtis	720		11 00
Newton Churchill	280	1,500	24 25
Patrick Carroll		1,350	18 87
Patrick Crowley		800	12 00
Patrick F. Carroll	50	600	10 13
Patrick N. Curley			2 00
Roland F. Copeland	150	1,160	18 37
Roger Carr			2 00
Sarah Conant	500	6,800	91 25
Seth P. Conant	100	1,300	19 50
Thomas Conant			2 00
Thomas Condon			2 00
Wellington Caldwell		2,100	28 25
William Camfill, estate of		1,350	16 88
William H. Chandler	40		2 50
Warren K. Churchill	700		10 75
Andrew Dwyer			2 00
Bart. J. Doody			2 00

NAMES.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Daniel Desmond	\$40	\$800	\$12 50
David W. Duane		750	11 37
Eliphalet S. Davenport		450	7 63
Eugene M. Dunphe			2 00
Edwin F. Dyson	60		2 75
Edward F. Davis			2 00
George R. Dyer			2 00
George Doherty			2 00
Horace P. Dunbar	200	700	13 25
Ira W. Drake		1,350	18 87
John T. Doten	220		4 75
Joshua Dean	3,210	9,050	155 25
John Dean	50	1,250	18 25
John E. Davenport		700	10 75
John Desmond		650	10 12
Jeremiah Dunn		50	63
James M. Dunphe	200	1,500	23 25
James Dillon			2 00
John Dillon			2 00
Lemuel Dunbar		1,000	14 50
Lewis Delano	170	1,220	19 38
Lucius F. Dickerman	150	1,200	18 88
Michael Doody	180	1,250	19 87
N. Frank Dunphe			2 00
Patrick Dreslane	120	1,100	17 25
Philip Daniels			2 00
Ruel Dean	300	1,300	22 00
Samuel C. Davenport			2 00
William Desmond	390	2,000	31 88
William A. Dyson	140	580	13 00
Albert C. Edson		750	11 37
Alfred G. Edson			2 00
Barzilla F. Ellis	130		3 63
Benjamin F. Edson		850	12 62
Charles H. Edson			2 00
Daniel P. Edson		1,150	16 38
Dana F. Edson		60	2 75
Dennis Eagan			2 00
Edward E. Edson			2 00
Edmund Elligott			2 00
Franklin Edson	2,850	5,100	101 38
Frank L. Erskine		1,000	14 50
George H. Elwell	120	100	4 75
Henry Edson		2,500	33 25
Hiram H. Erskine		1,750	23 87
John Elligott		150	3 88
Jonah Edson, estate of		1,300	16 25
John S. Eastman	40		2 50
James T. Eagan			2 00
James P. Eagan			2 00
Lydia B. Ellis		2,200	27 50
Mary A. P. Edson	6,000	1,550	94 38
Hiram Peaslee			2 00

NAMES.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Peter Elmon			\$2 00
Preston G. Edson.....			2 00
Seth B. Edson	\$20		2 25
William H. Eustis.....		\$1,600	22 00
William Edson.....	250	900	16 37
William A. Eldridge.....			2 00
A. Judson Fish.....			2 00
Clarence B. Fuller.....			2 00
Charles E. Field.....	500		8 25
Daniel C. French.....			2 00
Edward F. Field.....	100	1,300	19 50
Ezra T. Fuller.....	100	2,040	28 75
Edmund Ford.....	40	550	9 38
Enoch Freeman			2 00
Francis J. Foley.....			2 00
Ezra H. Ford, estate of.....		1,250	15 62
Frank W. French		1,400	19 50
Frank E. Freeman			2 00
Francis R. Flagg		650	10 13
George H. Ferguson.....			2 00
George L. French.....			2 00
Isadus Fuller.....		1,000	14 50
James D. Freeman... ..			2 00
John Fitzgerald.....			2 00
Jacob Folsom	580	12,150	161 12
Jeremiah Fisher.....		1,080	15 50
Michael Feeney	40	660	10 75
Michael Feeney, Jr			2 00
Michael Fitzgerald		900	13 25
Moses Fillon.....			2 00
Nathaniel W. French.....	200	1,730	26 13
Patrick Foley	40	1,000	15 00
Sears R. Frost, estate of	80	400	6 00
Theodore C. Freeman.....	100	950	17 12
Thomas J. Fish			2 00
Wyman C. Fickett			2 00
William G. Field, estate of.....		1,940	24 25
William F. Farrington.....			2 00
William H. French.....			2 00
Alfred Griffin	3,520	3,400	88 50
Charles E. Gaffney.....			2 00
Charles H. Goss.....	3,560	8,200	151 00
Caleb Goss.....	130	3,070	42 00
David W. Gurney.....	200		4 59
David S. Gurney	130	900	14 88
David H. Gurney.....	50		2 62
David H. Gorman.....		1,050	13 13
Daniel Groves.....			2 00
Gammons & Nutter.....	3,200		40 00
Goss, Jones & Goss.....	1,600	2,200	47 50
Henry A. Grow.....	930	900	24 87
Henry Gurney.....	1,250	8,030	118 00

NAMES.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Leonard F. Gammons.....	\$30		\$2 37
Lester H. Gurney.....			2 00
Maurice C. Gould			2 00
Otis Grover	100	\$1,400	20 75
Perley M. Griffin			2 00
Rebecca Gaffney.....	250	1,450	21 25
Rurgur Gustov			2 00
Samuel Gurney.....	330	1,550	25 50
Sarah B. Gould		150	1 88
Simmons Gadbois.....			2 00
Thomas Griggs			2 00
William Green	290	1,300	21 87
William H. Gaffney.....			2 00
William J. Gilbert.....	150		3 88
William A. Green.....			2 00
Aaron Hobart.....	44,700	17,400	778 25
Abigail Hersey.....		1,750	21 87
Abbott T. Hewitt.....		400	7 00
Arthur Harris		800	12 00
Albert Harden	500	4,100	50 50
Amos Hunting	2,450	3,220	72 88
Alonzo S. Hathaway.....			2 00
Adam R. Humble.....		1,000	14 50
Augustus M. Howe.....	150	500	12 13
Betsey A. Hale.....	30	550	7 25
Benjamin W. Harris.....	13,300		168 25
B. L. Hall.....			2 00
Charles W. Harris	530	2,400	38 63
Calvin Hatch.....	130	1,250	19 25
Chandler A. Hodgson.....			2 00
C. E. Hartwell		800	10 00
Caleb E. Hicks.....	1,650		22 63
Cornelius E. Hooper.....	410	3,800	54 62
Calvin H. Harlow.....		2,000	27 00
Charles W. Hunt	150		3 88
Damon Hoyt		1,100	15 75
David G. Hubbard.....	410	850	17 75
Daniel B. Hines.....	160	20	4 25
Elizabeth Holmes.....		1,050	13 13
Elijah Hinkley			2 00
Ephraim Hardy	240	950	16 87
Ellis Holmes, estate of.....		300	3 75
Edwin Hayward.....			2 00
Frank J. Houston.....			2 00
Francis Hayward.....	560	1,870	32 38
George F. Hayward	30		2 37
George B. Howland	80	250	6 13
George W. Holmes	100	70	4 12
George Hudson			2 00
George W. Harden	510	3,250	49 00
Harlow Harden.....		800	12 00
Henry Hobart.....	6,070	11,600	222 87

NAMES.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Henry M. Holmes	\$200		\$4 50
Henry G. Hill	550	\$4,080	59 88
H. H. Harlow	50	1,050	15 75
Herbert T. Harden			2 00
Hosea Hathaway	60	3,000	40 25
Isaac Hatch, estate of		1,250	15 63
Isaac T. Hatch	200	310	8 37
Mrs. Israel Hobart	50	1,850	23 75
John B. Harden	130	800	13 63
Jason W. Harden			2 00
Joseph T. Hathaway	150	1,450	22 00
John O. Howland		450	5 62
Jehial B. Harden	40		2 50
John W. Harden	150		3 88
Joshua Hollis		300	5 75
John H. Hathaway	150	1,650	24 50
John Hobart	6,370	4,900	142 87
Josiah E. Hayward		400	7 00
Jotham Hicks	80	3,300	44 25
John W. Herrick			2 00
Jere M. Hines			2 00
James R. Hudson			2 00
Luther Harden	240	950	16 88
Leonard H. Hayward	130	280	7 12
Leander Harger			2 00
Lydia A. Hale		100	1 25
Mark P. Hudson	490	2,000	33 13
M. Newton Humble		1,050	15 12
Myron E. Hayward			2 00
Michael Hennesey	40		2 50
Martin A. Hayward	30		2 37
Melvin Harden, estate of	60	1,450	18 88
Noah T. Harding	30	950	14 25
Oliver Holmes	40	1,250	18 12
Peter Hagan, Jr.	150		3 88
Reuben Harden	50	1,200	17 62
Robert O. Harris	150		3 88
Richard S. Higgins			2 00
Samuel J. Hoyt, estate of	40	1,100	14 25
Samuel Hall	150	2,200	31 37
Stephen Harlow	410	2,500	38 38
Theodore Hobart	240	1,850	28 12
Thomas Hewitt	660	4,450	65 88
Thomas A. Herrick	80	2,700	36 75
Thomas P. Hines			2 00
Timothy S. Harlow		1,200	17 00
William W. Hersey	350	450	12 00
William R. Hathaway, estate of	30	1,800	22 88
William T. Harris			2 00
William J. Hill			2 00
Walter B. Hathaway			2 00
William B. Hall			2 00

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Waldo Hayward	\$100	\$1,060	\$16 50
William A. Hayward	40	1,450	20 62
William H. Howe			2 00
Willard T. Holmes			2 00
Charles S. Inglee		1,350	18 88
Abner C. Jackson	190	1,735	26 06
A. L. Joyce			2 00
Charles P. Jordan, estate of		1,700	21 25
Charles L. Jones			2 00
Charles E. Jordan		1,000	14 50
George L. Jones	500		8 25
G. W. N. Joyce	200	740	13 75
Henry E. Johnson			2 00
John Jones	40	1,800	25 00
James M. Jefferson	30		2 38
John S. Jenness	160	530	12 62
John F. Jordan	170		4 13
John Johnson			2 00
Merritt Jenkins, estate of		7,730	96 62
Martin E. Jenness		500	6 25
Mary Johnson, executrix of W. } Johnson estate, }	5,000		62 50
William H. Jefferson	260	550	12 13
William N. Jenkins			2 00
William M. Judkins			2 00
Walter V. Judkins	200		4 50
William A. Josselyn		1,650	22 62
Willard Johnson, estate of		1,900	23 75
Zenas A. Jenkins			2 00
Bathsheba S. Keith	500		6 25
Bathshua Keith, estate of	1,000	5,900	86 25
Benjamin W. Keith	980	1,900	38 00
Benjamin N. Keen			2 00
Edward S. Keith		250	5 13
Ezra Kingman	200	4,400	59 50
Edward Kingman	50	1,070	16 00
Eugene F. Keith			2 00
Freedom Keith	160	2,460	34 75
Franklin Keith		1,400	19 50
Frank O. Keith			2 00
Francis M. Kingman		1,600	22 00
George M. Keith	320	2,650	39 12
Herbert C. Keith	40	80	3 50
Henry M. Keith	400	3,850	55 13
Hannah Kingman		150	1 87
Henry Kingston			2 00
Isaac Keith	40	1,200	17 50
Isaac N. Keith	6,950	5,300	155 13
John W. Kennan	3,750	4,000	98 87
James G. Knapp	200	1,800	27 00
Joseph Kingston			2 00
James Kaven		1,400	19 50

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Judah B. Keen.....		\$600	\$9 50
Lysander Keith.....	\$180	2,550	36 13
Marcus M. Keith.....	80	1,850	26 12
Newton M. Keen.....	200	3,550	48 88
Nahum P. Keith.....		500	6 25
Nathan Kingman.....			2 00
Nahum Keith.....			2 00
Olpha Keen.....	260		5 25
Robert C. Keith.....	210	2,240	32 62
Robert C. Keith & Brother.....	2,500	360	35 75
Simeon C. Keith.....	670	1,730	32 00
Sidney S. Kingman.....			4 00
Stafford I. Keith.....			2 00
Scott Keith.....		1,600	22 00
Samuel Keith.....	6,300	2,650	115 87
Simeon W. Keene.....	100	1,800	25 75
Samuel E. Keith.....		600	9 50
Samuel Keene.....	1,250	5,310	84 00
Thomas Keith.....	80		3 00
William W. Keen.....		550	6 87
Walter G. Kingman.....			2 00
William Keen.....	340	3,250	46 88
William F. Keen.....	950	1,950	38 25
Zebina Keith.....	6,250	2,350	109 50
Zenas Keith, estate of.....		2,450	30 62
A. Harris Latham.....	200	1,900	28 25
Alonzo W. Leach.....	50	850	13 25
Albert H. Long.....			2 00
Baalis S. Littlefield.....	50		63
Bradford Little.....		500	6 25
Charles A. Latham.....	1,210	5,630	87 50
Charles W. Lincoln.....			2 00
Charles Lincoln.....	230	1,400	22 37
Eliab Latham.....	470	4,190	60 25
E. Austin Latham.....		1,600	22 00
Eugene A. Lincoln.....		700	10 75
Elbridge G. Lyon.....	80	2,150	29 88
Edgar H. Luzarder.....		350	4 37
Francis D. Littlefield.....	150	1,550	23 25
Fred. A. Leach.....			2 00
Fred. W. Lincoln.....		700	10 75
Fred. G. Lovell.....	130		3 63
George F. Lombard.....			2 00
Galen Latham.....	510	4,660	66 62
Harvey Lucas.....	1,000		14 50
Hermon Leonard.....	210	1,550	24 00
Isaac H. Lincoln.....	50	300	6 38
I. Alvan Lyon.....			2 00
Isaac K. Lyon.....	150	1,080	17 37
James W. Latham.....			2 00
Joseph M. Loucraft.....	9,710	9,800	245 87
John Lane.....	21,940	19,150	515 62

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Jerry Laperle			\$2 00
Melzar J. Litchfield		\$1,000	14 50
Patrick Luddy			2 00
Rufus A. Littlefield.....	\$90	3,410	47 75
Ruel A. Lincoln.....			2 00
Sarah Lilly.....		2,500	31 25
Samuel Luzarder.....	40	2,400	32 50
Samuel A. Luzarder.....		1,600	22 00
Susan Latham.....	2,000	250	28 12
William Lincoln.....			2 00
Waldo P. Lothrop.....		650	10 12
Walter S. Leach.....			2 00
Walter H. Lyqn.....			2 00
Asa Millet	430	4,400	62 37
Betsey P. Munroe.....		1,250	15 62
Cyrus Munroe.....	360	2,590	38 87
Mrs. Cushing Mitchell	5,000	3,250	103 12
Deborah T. Morse.....		1,300	16 25
Ellen Murray.....		550	6 87
Ebenezer Moody.....		1,150	14 37
Fred. C. Mann.....		2,300	30 75
Frank Moore.....			2 00
George A. Moulton.....	240		5 00
George W. Merrill.....	280	1,050	18 62
George T. Mitchell	1,350	1,400	36 37
George Mitchell, estate of.....		2,250	28 12
George W. Mellen		400	7 00
Granville C. Munroe.....	100		3 25
Harriet F. McCarter.....		500	6 25
Henry C. Macaullay			2 00
Hermion L. Morse		950	13 87
Hector MacKenzie.....			2 00
James Munroe	110	650	11 50
J. B. Meservey.....	40	1,900	26 25
James F. McCarter			2 00
James Mahoney.....			2 00
Jeremiah Mahoney.....	190	750	13 75
Joseph H. Mills	310	1,900	29 62
Mrs. James Mahoney.....	40	1,400	18 00
James McCarty			2 00
John D. Mason, estate of.....		1,300	16 25
Joseph Morse	1,310	2,150	45 25
Joseph Mishow.....			2 00
John McCarty			2 00
James McGrath			2 00
John Murray.....			2 00
James Morey	40	1,000	15 00
Mehitable Milliken		500	6 25
Michael Mahoney			2 00
Martin P. McLauthlin.....	40		2 50
Owen MacGuire.....	40	700	11 25
Philip McBeth			2 00

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Robert J. Mitchell.....		\$230	\$4 87
Samuel R. McKenzie.....		400	5 00
Timothy Mitchell.....		1,000	14 50
Thomas Mahoney.....			2 00
Thomas McCann.....			2 00
William Murphy.....		1,100	15 75
William L. Morey.....	\$190	600	11 87
William J. Mitchell.....		1,100	13 75
Walter O. Munroe.....			2 00
Andrew Neville.....			2 00
Charles W. Nickerson.....			2 00
Daniel W. Noyes.....	100		3 25
Daniel L. Nash.....			2 00
Edmund W. Nutter.....	200		4 50
Fred C. Nutter.....	100	450	8 87
Frank W. Newhall.....	180	1,100	18 00
Francis A. Nash.....	390	3,050	45 00
George S. Newhall.....			2 00
Horace W. Newhall.....		350	4 37
Hannah Nash.....		150	1 87
Isaac N. Nutter.....	5,610	6,030	147 50
I. N. & F. C. Nutter.....		3,500	43 75
Josiah E. Noyes.....	110	2,400	33 37
James Nelson.....			2 00
John Noonan.....	60	950	14 63
John C. Newton.....			2 00
Levi M. Noyes.....	300		5 75
Levi W. Noyes.....	70	1,700	24 12
Margaret O. Nutter.....		2,600	32 50
Mary D. Nash.....		100	1 25
Murdock Nicholson.....			2 00
Patrick Norris.....			2 00
Samuel R. Newhall.....		800	12 00
Charles E. Osborne.....			2 00
Cornelius O'Brien.....			2 00
Galen Osborne.....	180	1,070	17 63
Henry A. Osborne.....		200	4 50
Hector O. A. Orr.....	1,000		14 50
Joseph R. Osborne.....			2 00
James O'Hearn.....			2 00
Robert Orr.....	25,600	10,200	449 50
Samuel A. Orr, estate of.....	4,300	9,300	170 00
Stephen O'Neil.....		400	7 00
Susan Orr.....		1,550	19 37
Thomas O'Brien.....	40	800	12 50
Thomas O'Brien, Jr.....			2 00
William H. Osborne.....	880	2,200	40 50
Addison Pratt.....		1,720	23 50
Allen P. Pratt.....	30		2 38
Asa E. Paul.....			2 00
Alfred B. Parker.....			2 00
Allen M. Porter, estate of.....	200	1,800	25 00

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Benjamin Pincin, estate of		\$1,300	\$16 25
Cephas A. Porter.....	\$110	1,100	17 12
Charles O. Parris.....			2 00
Charles W. Pratt.....	350		6 38
Charles I. Paine.....	50	1,100	16 37
David Pratt.....	110	2,450	34 00
David H. Pratt.....	100	1,250	18 88
Elias A. Ransden.....	40	950	14 37
Francis W. Porter.....	550	350	13 25
George H. Pratt, Jr.....	40		2 50
George H. Pratt.....	140	2,450	34 38
George T. Parker.....			2 00
Herbert T. Packard			2 00
Howard Paine.....		1,300	18 25
Joseph W. Perry			2 00
James M. Perrigo, estate of ..		200	2 50
John B. Porter			2 00
Josiah J. Pratt	180		4 25
J. Henry Potter	500	850	18 87
John T. Pratt, estate of		500	6 25
James Pendergrast			2 00
James W. Porter.....			2 00
Levi B. Parker.....	110	2,500	36 63
Lemuel Pratt			2 00
Luther W. Phillips, estate of.....		700	8 75
Martin Parris.....	90	910	14 50
Nathaniel Perkins	60	350	7 12
Nathaniel Porter, estate of.....		860	10 75
Nahum Poole	1,300	2,650	51 38
Nathan M. Poole.....	100	1,300	19 50
Oliver Pratt.....	140	1,900	27 50
Prescott H. Pratt			2 00
Peregrine W. Poole		1,200	17 00
Samuel Pool			2 00
Samuel R. Pool	400	1,300	23 25
Timothy O. Paine.....		1,200	17 00
Wadsworth Phillips	140	2,400	33 75
William F. Pratt	30	2,700	34 12
William H. Paige		1,600	22 00
William Parker	10	600	9 63
Walter S. Pratt			2 00
John W. Quinby			2 00
Patrick Quigley		1,700	23 25
John Quinlan			2 00
Aaron Ramsdell.....		550	10 87
Albion L. Ramsdell.....			2 00
Benjamin R. Robinson, estate of....		2,280	28 50
Benjamin H. Reynolds			2 00
David Roach	570	1,720	30 63
Daniel N. Reed	170	1,140	18 37
Dexter Reed, estate of.....		450	5 63
Everett N. Richardson.....	250		5 12

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Fred H. Redding.....		\$600	\$9 50
George W. Reed			2 00
Henry B. Rogers			2 00
Harry N. Redfern			2 00
Jacob A. Rogers, estate of		2,650	33 13
John P. Reed		1,050	15 12
Joseph Ramsdell	\$200	1,300	20 75
James Riordon	40	1,220	17 75
John Reed	100	1,130	17 38
John B. Reed			2 00
Mrs. James Rollins		500	6 25
Lucius Remick			2 00
Lewis P. Raymond		970	14 12
Lydia C. Reed	350	700	13 13
Luther W. Richards	1,160		16 50
Martin Rounds		950	13 87
Michael Riordon			2 00
Mary A. Rust		5,100	63 75
Nahum A. Ramsdell			2 00
Nathaniel Ramsdell, estate of		300	3 75
N. A. W. Ransden		600	7 50
Norris Richards			2 00
Nathaniel K. Richardson	180	1,150	18 63
Oscar C. Rumsey			2 00
Paul Raash			2 00
Prescott E. Ramsdell			2 00
Reuben Rice, Jr.	130		3 62
Reuben Richards	230		4 88
Samuel D. Raymond	200	550	11 37
Simeon Richmond		1,500	18 75
Simeon W. Richmond	250	640	13 13
Samuel D. Reed			2 00
Thomas Rogers	500	2,750	42 62
Thomas S. H. Rounsville			2 00
Wales Rogers	100	2,950	40 13
Welcome O. Reed		750	11 37
William B. Ripley	150	1,650	24 50
William H. Robinson		1,000	14 50
William Reed		600	9 50
Wallace C. Ransden		400	5 00
William Ramsdell		550	8 88
William G. Ramsdell			2 00
Abbott Sanford			2 00
Alonzo Sharp			2 00
Andrew P. Sturtevant	50	1,300	18 87
Augustus F. Strong			2 00
Benjamin Siddall			2 00
Balis Sanford, estate of	800	1,700	31 25
Byron Spiller			2 00
Mrs. Benjamin F. Studley		400	5 00
Clark Swallow	50	2,550	34 50
Charles L. Seaver			2 00

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Charles W. Siddall.....	\$710	\$4,400	\$65 88
Charles E. Spinney.....			2 00
C. C. Small.....			2 00
Charles Sullivan.....			2 00
David Standish.....		550	8 87
Daniel Sullivan.....			2 00
Edgar A. Standish.....			2 00
Everett C. Swallow.....			2 00
Ezra F. Sampson.....	40	600	10 00
Ephraim L. Sampson.....			2 00
Eustis W. Sturtevant.....		350	6 38
Frederic S. Strong.....	280	5,100	69 25
Frank Smith.....	800	2,100	38 25
Frances M. Selee.....	700		8 75
George W. Sprague.....		1,000	14 50
George E. Skillings.....		2,000	27 00
George Sites.....	10	1,150	16 50
George W. Sandridge.....			2 00
George Sites, Jr.....			2 00
George D. Stedman.....	240	1,910	28 87
Henry J. Starbuck.....	30	1,200	17 38
Herbert K. Stevens.....			2 00
Herbert A. Swift.....	10		2 12
Henry C. Sherman.....			2 00
Ira H. Sumner.....	50		2 63
James N. Sweeting.....		1,050	15 12
John A. Sampson.....			2 00
Joshua Sturtevant.....	110	900	14 63
Joseph Shaw.....		460	7 75
Joseph H. Strong.....			2 00
John A. Shaw.....		800	10 00
Jasper N. Staples.....	140	850	14 37
Jabez H. Sturtevant.....			2 00
James Siddall, estate of.....		450	5 63
John S. Soper.....		900	13 25
James W. Soule.....		1,200	17 00
John H. Scribner.....		600	11 50
Joshua Sturtevant, Jr.....			2 00
John Shepard.....			2 00
Kimball E. Sheldon.....	5,060	15,070	253 62
Lester B. Shaw.....			2 00
Leonard Selee.....	125		3 56
Lyman C. Shaw.....			2 00
Maurice Sheahan.....			2 00
Manuel Souza.....		400	7 00
Martin Sumner.....		600	9 50
Minot C. Shaw.....	370	1,850	29 75
Nicholas Saunders.....	3,200	7,100	130 75
Oliver M. Sharp.....	30	850	13 00
Richard B. Sturtevant.....			2 00
Mrs. Richard M. Smith.....		3,650	45 63
Peleg W. Sampson.....	200		4 50

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Samuel C. Smith.....	\$50	\$550	\$9 50
Sterner Stone.....			2 00
Samuel D. Shaw.....	2,400	3,300	73 25
Stephen Saunders.....			2 00
Samuel Shaw.....	800	3,000	49 50
Mrs. Samuel Shaw.....		1,650	20 62
Samuel Shaw & Co.....	7,500		93 75
Samuel L. Seaver.....	50	700	11 38
Thomas O. Sime.....			2 00
William S. Sampson.....	40	790	12 37
Walter Severance.....		850	12 63
William J. Shaw.....	180	600	11 75
William N. Shaw.....	350	1,900	32 12
Walter C. Shaw.....			2 00
William Smith, estate of.....		1,300	16 25
William O. Sheldon.....			2 00
William E. Shaw.....			2 00
Zenas W. Sturtevant.....	30	700	11 13
Amanda W. Thompson.....		500	6 25
Asaph P. Thompson.....		950	13 87
Bartholemew Trow.....		1,850	25 13
Charles Thrasher.....	100	1,310	19 62
Cyrus Thrasher.....		100	3 25
Daniel W. Thrasher.....			2 00
David Tower.....			2 00
Frederic E. Trow.....		550	8 88
Frank A. Trescott.....			2 00
George A. Trow, estate of.....		850	10 62
George E. Bates.....			2 00
George L. Turner.....			2 00
Henry B. Trow.....			2 00
John B. Thayer.....			2 00
Jeremiah D. Thurlow.....	120	840	14 00
James Timmons.....		1,200	17 00
John C. Bates.....		360	6 50
Joseph L. Tyler.....		1,500	20 75
Lysander M. Thompson.....			2 00
Loring S. Turner.....			2 00
Loring G. Tilden.....			2 00
Lewis F. Trow.....			2 00
Marcus Temple.....			2 00
Mary A. Tyson.....		1,550	19 37
Samuel W. Tilton.....	120	1,400	21 00
Seth Thompson.....		250	3 13
William H. Taylor.....			2 00
William G. Turner.....	50	1,800	25 12
Joseph Underwood, estate of.....	30	450	6 00
Cornelius L. Vosmus.....			2 00
George C. Van Amringe.....			2 00
John H. Vosmus, estate of.....		1,450	18 13
Mrs. Josiah O. Vinton.....	2,000	1,150	39 37
Joseph Vinton.....		1,950	24 38

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Josiah O. Vinton.....			\$2 00
Leopold J. Voigt.....	\$40	\$3,430	45 37
Martha Vaughn.....		420	5 25
William Vinton.....			2 00
Henry B. Vaughn.....			2 00
Alden Washburn, estate of.....		470	5 88
Allen Washburn.....	470	2,540	39 63
Asa Whitman.....	150	850	14 50
Alice Whitman.....		1,400	17 50
Asa T. Whitman, estate of.....		1,870	23 37
Albert B. Watson.....			2 00.
Albion K. Washburn.....	500		8 25
Arad Wilbar.....		200	4 50
Albert C. White.....			2 00
Alphonso B. Wright.....			2 00
Benjamin White.....	380	1,400	24 25
Benjamin M. White, estate of.....		2,600	32 50
Benjamin Ward.....	620	4,500	68 00
Barney Winn.....			2 00
Benjamin H. Washburn.....	260	2,230	33 12
Calvin Wade.....		1,500	18 75
Calvin S. Whitman.....	40	640	10 50
Charles G. Wood.....			2 00
Clarence White.....			2 00
Charles W. Wixon.....	1,000		14 50
Cushing White, estate of.....		950	11 88
Clark B. Wentworth.....			2 00
Daniel W. Winslow.....			2 00
David B. West.....		1,800	22 50
Daniel Whitman, estate of.....		850	10 62
Elbridge F. Washburn.....			2 00
Eldridge W. Winsor.....	80	450	8 63
Eliab Whitman.....	180		4 25
Edward E. Wright.....			2 00
Ezekiel Whitman.....	200	2,650	37 62
Ebenezer Whitmarsh.....	440	3,380	49 75
Eleazer Whitman.....	690	2,620	43 38
Edward Welch.....	170		4 12
Edgar E. Worcester.....			2 00
Ezra S. Whitmarsh.....		3,660	47 75
Ezra S. Whitmarsh, Jr.....	1,000		14 50
Edmund L. Weston.....	270		5 38
Frederic P. Whitmarsh.....	300	150	7 62
Fred. W. White.....	70		2 88
Frank E. Wentworth.....			2 00
Frank O. Wellington.....			2 00
Frank Winn.....			2 00
Frank H. Weston.....			2 00
Frank White.....			2 00
Galen Willis.....	10,550	8,490	240 00
Galen Willis, 2d.....			2 00
George A. Washburn.....		4 50	7 62

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George A. Wright.....		\$1,400	\$21 50
George A. Wheeler.....	\$250	400	10 13
George S. Wentworth.....			2 00
Gideon Wilbar.....		1,550	21 37
George G. Wilbar.....			2 00
Greenough Wood, estate of.....		2,300	28 75
Horace Worcester.....	70	1,700	24 13
Herbert L. Waterman.....			2 00
Harrison W. White.....	1,180	4,760	76 25
Harriet Washburn.....		100	1 25
Isaac Washburn, estate of.....	2,000	2,000	50 00
John A. Whiting.....	40	1,350	19 37
John M. Whiting.....	320	2,080	32 00
John H. Waterman.....		1,500	22 75
John W. Wright.....		1,550	21 38
John Welch.....	170		4 12
John E. Waterman.....	1,760	2,650	57 13
James Wilder, estate of.....		250	3 12
James Wilmot.....		650	10 13
James M. Weston.....			2 00
John Willis.....			2 00
Luther Wade.....		200	4 50
Luke Worcester.....	220	2,000	29 75
Levi C. Wright.....	80	800	13 00
Melvin L. Webber.....	2,500	4,040	83 75
Mercena A. Whitman.....	190	1,950	28 75
Matthew Wilder.....	40		2 50
H. G. M. William.....			2 00
Michael Winn.....		550	8 87
Melzar J. Waterman.....			2 00
Magnus Williamson.....	150		3 88
Nicholas Wade.....	40	1,620	22 75
Noah A. Washburn.....	220	1,070	18 12
Orace Washburn.....	300	900	17 00
Obadiah West.....			2 00
Patrick Welsh.....	50	1,100	16 38
Perez Williams.....			2 00
Robert Washburn.....			2 00
Richmond N. Waterman.....			2 00
Samuel C. White.....			2 00
Simeon G. Whitmarsh.....	220	1,710	26 12
Semantha Whitman.....		4,000	50 00
Selden M. Washburn.....		850	12 63
Samuel F. White.....	2,110	2,450	59 00
Selden Washburn, estate of.....		370	4 62
Simeon Wood, estate of.....		1,930	24 13
Thatcher P. Wright.....		950	13 87
Vernon H. Whitman.....		120	3 50
Walter W. Washburn.....			2 00
William L. White.....			2 00
William E. Whitman.....	830		12 38
William V. West.....	110	2,400	33 37

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Mrs. William V. West		\$450	\$5 63
William S. Washburn		170	4 12
Robert Young	\$40		2 50
Welcome Young, estate of		2,790	34 88
Treasurer First Cong'l Society		1,550	19 37
Treasurer N. J. Society		1,350	16 88
Trustees M. E. Society		1,700	21 25
Carver Cotton Gin Co.	22,500	24,900	592 50
Rogers & Sheldon	25,900	13,450	491 87
Mount Hope Iron Co.	400	2,500	36 25
Five Cents Savings Bank, Plymouth..		800	10 00
Brayton Petroleum Engine Co.	20,000	5,600	320 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

Abiel Abbott, Boston	\$400	\$800	\$15 00
Amos Alden, South Abington		150	1 88
Clarissa Alden, est. of, So. Abington,		550	6 87
George Adams, Boston		1,150	14 38
Henry Alden, heirs of, So. Abington,		450	5 62
Jeremiah K. Aldrich, Wellfleet		1,650	20 63
Julia C. Alden, Randolph		40	50
Lucius Alden, Brockton		3,200	40 00
Orlando M. Alger, Brockton		300	3 75
William E. Alden, Boston		1,300	16 25
William H. Alden, Boston		900	11 25
— Allendorf, Brockton		200	2 50
Abbie F. Bates, South Abington		200	2 50
Alden D. Brown, Chelsea		230	2 87
Bradley S. Bryant, North Hanson ...		100	1 25
C. E. Barton, East Cambridge		1,350	16 88
Charles H. Bonney, So. Abington ...		1,200	15 00
Francis E. Benton, Brockton	400		5 00
Frank Bourne, North Hanson		150	1 87
Gladden Bonney, est. of, So. Abington,		70	88
John H. Brown, Boston		1,800	22 50
Joseph H. B. Butler, Halifax		50	62
William Baylies, Fall River		370	4 63
Eunice S. Bryant, Brockton		200	2 50
Benjamin F. Churchill, So. Abington,		920	11 50
E. T. Corey, North Hanson		500	6 25
Ensign Crocker, North Hanson		100	1 25
George W. Cook, North Abington...		30	37
John Curtis, Brockton		120	1 50
Otis F. Curtis, Brockton		300	3 75
William P. Corthell, South Abington,		910	11 38
E. Porter Dyer, South Abington		100	1 25
George W. Dean, Taunton		50	62

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George G. Dyer, Plymouth		\$100	\$1 25
George L. Drake, Lynn		450	5 63
Dunbar, Hobart & Whidden, South Abington		1,000	12 50
James Eaton		1,100	13 75
John Enwright, Bridgewater.....		40	50
Jennette Emmons, Dayton, O.....		350	4 37
Luther Elliott, Reading.....	\$70	1,200	15 88
Melvin C. Edson, West Bridgewater,		50	63
Abby Farrar, Brockton		250	3 12
Jason M. French, estate of, West Bridgewater		50	62
Mehitable H. Fletcher, Brockton		150	1 88
Stephen Fernald, Peabody.....		150	1 87
Charles Griggs, South Abington.....		50	63
Henry W. Gammons, Plymouth.....		1,000	12 50
Jacob H. Gurney, South Abington...		140	1 75
John Gaffney, South Abington.....		60	75
Louisa R. Guild, Boston		950	11 87
Alpheus C. Harden, estate of, Hanson.		300	3 75
Andrew B. Holmes, Brockton.....		150	1 88
Daniel Hayward, Brockton.....		250	3 12
Deborah Howland, Abington.....		250	3 13
Ellis W. Holmes, Brockton		350	4 37
Joseph Ham, Boston	4,000		50 00
Joseph W. Harden, Lynn.....	40	450	6 13
James S. Harden, South Abington..		200	2 50
John J. Hayward, est. of, Bridgewater,		100	1 25
John L. Hayward, West Bridgewater.		120	1 50
John A. Hearn, Bridgewater		150	1 87
Horatio Howard, West Bridgewater..		1,000	12 50
Mitchell Hooper, Bridgewater.....		200	2 50
Martin Howland, Halifax		150	1 88
Marshall Humble, South Abington ..		100	1 25
Peter Hagan, Bridgewater		150	1 87
Reuben Healey, estate of, S. Abington		150	1 88
S. Holbrook & A. Hunting.....		320	4 00
William B. Hathaway, Randolph....		150	1 87
William Howard, Halifax		20	25
Zina Hayward, Jr., Brockton.....		80	1 00
Howard, Clark & Co., Brockton		100	1 25
John Hobill, South Abington.....		50	63
Andrew Jackson, Brockton		900	11 25
Amos Jones, Pembroke.....		70	87
Benjamin F. Jackson, Brockton.....		70	88
Fred P. Jenkins, trustee, Newton ...		270	3 37
George W. Johnson, estate of, West Bridgewater		800	10 00
Calvin Kingman, estate of, Taunton..		1,250	15 63
Elbridge Keith, est. of, Bridgewater,		280	3 50
Eliphalet Kingman, Brockton		250	3 12
Hezekiah H. Keith, Bridgewater		1,115	13 94

NAMES.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Isaac Kingman, Brockton.....		\$450	\$5 63
— Kendrick, South Abington		100	1 25
Lucy R. Keith, West Bridgewater...		1,400	17 50
William H. Keen, Hanson		200	2 50
Allen Leach, Brockton		1,100	13 75
Daniel Lynch, West Bridgewater....		100	1 25
Edwin H. Lothrop, W. Bridgewater..	\$650	1,150	22 50
Spencer Leonard, Bridgewater		475	5 94
Williams Latham, Bridgewater.....		200	2 50
W. Latham and C. Hobart, trustees, Bridgewater.....		100	1 25
Bridget McElroy, New York.....		1,600	20 00
Caleb Mitchell, estate of, Bridgewater,		800	10 00
Daniel Murphy, Bridgewater		80	1 00
Ethan Munroe, South Abington.....		450	5 62
M. P. & G. T. McLauthin.....		1,600	20 00
Robert McNeeland, Bridgewater.....		25	31
William L. Mitchell		1,050	13 13
E. M. Noyes, estate of, So. Abington,		500	6 25
Cornelius O'Leary, Bridgewater.....		80	1 00
Benjamin F. H. Parris, Abington.....		120	1 50
Eva Porter, South Abington.....		150	1 87
Franklin Peterson, South Abington..		150	1 88
Frank Phelan & H. Sisson, Stoughton,		415	5 19
Horace M. Peck, South Abington ...		50	62
H. H. Packard, Brockton		200	2 50
Jonathan Parris, Halifax.....		30	38
Harriet S. Packard, Middleboro'.....		1,240	15 50
Mathew Parris, Halifax.....		120	1 50
Nahum Perkins, Brockton.....		200	2 50
William A. Peasley, Abington.....		180	2 25
Ethan Randall, Halifax		350	4 37
Galen K. Richards, W. Bridgewater..		290	3 63
John C. Rhodes, Mattapoisett.....		300	3 75
John Richards, West Bridgewater....		510	6 37
Justin W. Richards, W. Bridgewater,		600	7 50
Marcus Reed, South Abington.....		150	1 88
Mrs. Oakes Reed, South Abington...		850	10 62
Quincy Reed, South Abington.....		280	3 50
Reed & French, South Abington....		150	1 88
S. & G. D. Ryder, W. Bridgewater..		300	3 75
Samuel Reed, South Abington.....		1,700	21 25
Thomas B. Reed, Boston.....		850	10 62
Reed Brothers, Brockton	2,500	5,000	93 75
Charles Smith, South Abington.....		200	2 50
David R. Simmons, W. Bridgewater..		200	2 50
John M. Soule, Middleboro'.....		800	10 00
Nahum Stetson, Bridgewater.....		1,000	12 50
Charles C. Thayer, W. Bridgewater..		1,300	16 25
C. C. & E. Thayer, W. Bridgewater..		200	2 50
Erland Thayer, W. Bridgewater....		750	9 38
David Tinkham, W. Bridgewater....		50	62

NAMES.	Personal.	Real.	Total Tax.
Frederic Tolcken, Hanson	\$240	\$350	\$7 38
Ira Thomas, estate of, Hanson.....		300	3 75
Mary Thayer, Brockton.....		480	6 00
Sarah B. Thomas, Claremont, N. H...		750	9 37
George B. Vaughn, Watertown		250	3 13
Spencer Vining, South Abington....		40	50
Cephas Washburn, Halifax.....		350	4 37
Cyrus C. Woodward		1,650	20 63
Clement Willis, Boston.....		400	5 00
Frank Washburn, W. Bridgewater ..		150	1 87
Freedom Whitman, California.....		450	5 63
George A. West, Abington		1,250	15 62
John Worton		850	10 63
Joseph White, Hanson.....		200	2 50
Nathan Willis, Bridgewater.....		360	4 50
Nathan D. Whitman, Boston.....		450	5 62
Philip Wing, Bridgewater		50	63
Simeon Wood, Bridgewater.....		120	1 50
Thomas White, South Abington.....		200	2 50
— Weatherbee, Scituate.....		600	7 50

The total includes poll taxes.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR

1882-3.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the last annual town meeting Mr. E. W. Nutter was re-elected a member of the School Committee for a term of three years.

The board was organized by the choice of F. S. Strong as chairman, E. W. Nutter as treasurer, and R. O. Harris as secretary.

The schools were assigned for supervision as follows : —

To Mr. Strong, the Central Grammar, and the schools at Elmwood and Satucket ; to Mr. Nutter, the North, East, and West Primaries, and the schools at Eastville and Northville, and the Centre Intermediate ; to Mr. Harris, the High School, the West Intermediate, and the schools at Beaver and Curtisville.

The committee respectfully submit the following report of the condition and needs of the public schools : —

The attendance in our schools is good, and the position of truant officer has not caused the holder any more labor than the mere supporting the honor.

Below is a list of teachers employed during the year, and their respective schools : —

High School . . .	{ WYMAN C. FICKETT, <i>Principal</i> . Miss JENNY E. CHANDLER, <i>Assistant</i> .
Central Grammar . .	{ E. W. NUTTER. Miss ELLEN M. BUTTOMER.
Intermediate . . .	Miss ANN W. HARDEN.
North Primary . .	Miss LOTTIE R. EDSON.
East Primary . .	Miss MATTIE E. MESERVEY.

West Primary . .	Miss AGNES A. VOIGT.
Elmwood Grammar	Miss CARRIE B. DENNIS.
Elmwood Primary .	{ Miss FANNIE M. GURNEY.
	{ Mrs. AGNES WATSON.
Satucket	Miss MARY J. WHITMARSH.
Curtisville . . .	{ Miss ELLEN M. BUTTOMER.
	{ Miss BERTHA I. MASON.
Eastville	Miss AGNES K. LITTLEFIELD.
Northville	Miss LYDIA J. CHAMBERLAIN.
Beaver Grammar .	{ Miss HATTIE F. WHITMARSH.
	{ Miss HATTIE E. SAMPSON.
Beaver Primary . .	{ Miss HATTIE E. SAMPSON.
	{ Miss LURA J. BURRELL.
West Intermediate .	Miss HATTIE F. WHITMARSH.

HIGH SCHOOL.

At the close of the last year a class of eight completed the prescribed course of study, and were awarded diplomas by the committee. The names of the graduating class are as follows:—

Arthur G. Knapp,	Mary L. Keith,
Frank H. Wood,	Lilla F. Shipman,
Charles D. Waterman,	Lucie L. Siddall,
Eva F. Brett,	Lottie L. Young.

Thirty-three candidates for admission to the High School presented themselves at the annual examination in July. Of these seven were admitted. The number of pupils now attending is divided among four classes, as follows:—

Senior	12
Sub-senior	7
Middle	16
Junior	5
Total	<hr/> 40

A new intermediate school has been established in the new building, and it is in good condition and in good hands.

PRIMARIES.

These schools are for the most part in good condition. The committee believe, however, that the primary schools should receive more careful attention than any other schools. A good primary teacher is harder to procure than a good teacher for any other grade, and, when one is found, her pay should be more nearly in proportion to the responsibility than at present.

CONDITION OF SCHOOLS.

We have labored to maintain the standard of scholarship, and think we have done so, but there still remains much to be done before the lower schools are brought squarely up to the standard we desire to reach. During the past summer two pupils from this town, who passed our examination for admission to the High School in July last, left town and applied for admission to the High Schools in New Bedford and Plymouth, to which towns they had respectively moved. They were both successful, passing without difficulty. This would seem to indicate that this town is neither dead nor soundly sleeping in the matter of school instruction; but, on the contrary, is at least fairly well up to the average standard of the towns in the county. The committee's desire is not only to be up to the average, but a little ahead if possible.

TESTS.

The system of tests is still kept up, and has been extended a little. The committee now give the classes in the High School a final test in each study before allowing them to

leave it for another. The results of the tests so far given in this school are satisfactory, and show that good work is being done in it. We believe that it would be a very good plan to appoint a superintendent of schools, who shall have the supervision of all the schools in town. By this system it will be possible to obtain a much greater uniformity and detect the weak spot in each school much more easily and quickly, and this cannot fail to result in raising the standard of scholarship without crowding or distressing the pupils.

CONDITION OF PROPERTY.

The houses are generally in good repair, but some repairs should be made during the coming summer. New floors should be put down at Elmwood and Beaver, and the latter house should be painted and receive some small repairs. The blackboards in several of the houses are poor, and should be repaired this year. For these, and some other minor repairs, at least \$300 will be necessary.

Attention has before been called to the condition of the East Primary building, which is small, ill-ventilated, and otherwise unfitted for its purpose. To enlarge it and remodel the interior, so as to properly accommodate the number of pupils who attend, will require about \$500.

The North Primary, while large enough, needs some alterations and repairs, which will require an expenditure of \$200.

All the school-rooms in town but five are now heated by coal-stoves, for the purchase of which a considerable sum has been expended the past year.

The committee believe that as fast as the wood-stoves become unfit for use, coal-stoves should be substituted for them.

Our experience during the past year leads us to believe

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Whole number of children of school age on May 1st, 492.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NUMBER OF PUPILS.			Per cent of Average Attendance for Year.
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	
High School	50	40	40	94
Central Grammar.....	47	53	48	92
Elmwood Grammar.....	23	25	25	92
Beaver Grammar	29	32	35	91
Centre Intermediate.....	55	31	32	88
West Intermediate .....	..	40	38	95
North Primary.....	44	47	28	87
East Primary	30	31	24	83
West Primary.....	52	35	37	95
Beaver Primary	38	28	22	90
Elmwood Primary.....	36	34	32	90
Eastville	35	31	..	86
Curtisville.....	23	21	..	91
Northville.....	35	40	36	95
Satucket.....	12	13	10	92

F. S. STRONG,
E. W. NUTTER,
ROBERT O. HARRIS,
Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation	\$5,000 00
Received from State treasurer . . .	196 37
Received from county treasurer . . .	233 45
Received from town of West Bridgewater . .	89 46
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Amount available	\$5,519 28

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Wyman C. Fickett, High School . . .	\$1,034 25
Jenny E. Chandler, High School . . .	404 00
L. W. Richards, High School . . .	25 00
Edmund W. Nutter, Central Grammar . .	199 20
Ellen M. Buttomer, Central Grammar . .	178 00
Ann W. Harden, Centre Intermediate . .	313 80
Harriet F. Whitmarsh, West Intermediate .	104 00
Agnes A. Voigt, West Primary . . .	245 00
Mary E. Fuller, East Primary . . .	42 00
Mattie L. Meservey, East Primary . . .	186 00
Lottie R. Edson, North Primary . . .	227 40
Carrie B. Dennis, Elmwood Grammar . .	246 40
Lora G. Kingman, Elmwood Primary . .	28 00
Fannie M. Gurney, Elmwood Primary . .	189 00

Agnes Watson, Elmwood Primary . . .	\$12 60
Mary J. Whitmarsh, Satucket . . .	206 00
Ellen M. Buttomer, Curtisville . . .	119 00
Bertha I. Mason, Curtisville . . .	126 00
Agnes K. Littlefield, Eastville . . .	256 00
Bertha I. Mason, Eastville . . .	8 00
Lydia J. Chamberlain, Northville . . .	301 00
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, Beaver Grammar . . .	136 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Beaver Grammar . . .	144 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Beaver Primary . . .	108 00
Lura J. Burrell, Beaver Primary . . .	126 00
Town of South Abington . . .	8 45
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Total	\$4,973 10

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mrs. Kate Barrett	\$47 80
W. C. Fickett	35 00
E. W. Nutter	10 50
Mary E. Fuller	2 75
Mattie L. Meservey	6 00
Agnes A. Voigt	12 34
Lottie R. Edson	7 75
James K. Brett	9 00
Albert B. Edson	9 00
Nellie C. Wade	9 00
Ellen M. Buttomer	6 00
Bertha I. Mason	3 00
Agnes K. Littlefield	3 00
Ira F. Porter	3 00
Arthur C. Churchill	3 00
Alice F. Boden	9 00
Hattie F. Whitmarsh	3 00
Alice Whitman	9 00

J. Manly Whitman	\$2 00
Leighton Williams	1 50
Hattie C. Sampson	3 00
Eva A. Bates	3 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	6 87
Mrs. Frank Winn, cleaning	3 00
Ellen Winn, cleaning	3 45
Annie M. Jefferson, cleaning	6 00
Mrs. George Sites, cleaning	6 50
Mrs. J. B. Harden	4 00
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Total	\$230 46

FUEL.

A. L. Alger, coal	\$207 35
John Hobart, coal	59 00
Joshua Dean, coal	11 50
T. F. Wood, charcoal	11 55
J. E. Bisbee, wood	56 50
N. A. Washburn, wood	6 75
George W. Harden, wood	11 25
J. W. Richards, wood	2 50
C. E. Fisher, shavings	25
E. W. Nutter, shavings	1 40
L. J. Burrell, shavings	25
Hiram Peaslee, preparing fuel	4 80
Herbert C. Keith	11 00
Isaac Lincoln	4 00
J. E. Bisbee	4 25
Eliphalet S. Davenport	6 60
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Total	\$398 95

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes . . .	\$5,519 28
Paid for teaching \$4,973 10	
Paid for care of houses 230 46	
Paid for fuel 398 95	
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	\$5,602 51
Excess of expenditures	83 23
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	\$5,602 51

REPAIRS.

Paid Gammons & Nutter, stoves and hardware,	\$253 28
Luther Wade, painting, Eastville . . .	33 90
Minot S. Curtis, labor, etc.	55 74
James Brown, grading, Northville . . .	40 00
John M. Whiting, labor, etc.	13 45
R. T. Brett, labor, etc.	4 56
M. L. Webber, posts	5 40
Isadas Fuller, labor	8 50
Ezra Fuller, labor	14 48
Michael Winn, labor	8 25
J. Manly Whitman, setting glass, etc. . .	5 83
S. Butler, setting glass	50
Reuben Harden, labor, etc.	3 00
S. R. Newhall, labor	20 82
Ezra Kingman, grading, etc.	7 00
John S. Eastman, grading	2 00
C. H. Goss, lumber	14 89
R. O. Harris, paid for door	5 75
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	\$497 35
Unexpended balance	2 65
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Appropriation	\$500 00

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Hopkinson & Marden, brooms, etc.	\$33 95
Boston School Supply Co., crayons, etc.,	19 00
J. L. Hammett, erasers, etc.	29 55
E. W. Nutter, books, etc.	28 40
Edgar L. Clark, cleaning vaults	7 00
Wyman C. Fickett, books	7 51
Mary S. Keith, ribbon	1 40
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas	2 00
Edwin Hayward, cleaning well	3 00
Melvin Webber, carting, etc.	4 25
George L. Jones, clocks, etc.	20 65
E. W. Nutter, paid express	3 15
David Roach, moving wood	6 00
Scott Keith, storing furniture	1 25
Old Colony Railroad, freight	9 35
William Parker, surveying	1 50
Jarvis Burrell, printing	29 75
Frank Smith, chemicals	1 20
E. W. Nutter, taking school census	12 00
I. N. Nutter, stationery, etc.	17 90
Alger & Co.'s Express	2 15
Cutter & Parker, sash	75
William Reardon, posting notices	75
Hiram Peaslee, labor	19 51
Gammons & Nutter, brooms, pails, etc.	35 16
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	\$297 13
Unexpended balance	2 87
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	\$300 00

BOOKS.

Appropriation		\$50 00
Paid Thompson & Brown, readers .	\$12 50	
Cowperthwait & Co., readers .	32 04	
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Unexpended balance		\$5 46

In addition to the above the School
Committee have drawn orders for
furniture for West Intermediate

School	\$107 50
Insurance on building . . .	33 75
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	\$141 25

Total amount of orders drawn . . . \$6,582 78.

E. W. NUTTER,

Treasurer of School Committee.

February 12, 1883.

SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1884.



BOSTON:

ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS,

NO. 24 FRANKLIN STREET.

1884.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1883.

Town Clerk.

FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.

FRANK SMITH.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY GURNEY.

JAMES S. ALLEN.

L. W. RICHARDS.

School Committee.

EDMUND W. NUTTER.

PERLEY M. GRIFFIN.

EZRA KINGMAN.

Constables.

FRANKLIN W. FRENCH.
EDWARD E. EDSON.

SAMUEL LUZARDER.
T. S. H. ROUNSVILLE.

LEONARD F. GAMMONS.
BENJAMIN SIDDALL.

Road Commissioners.

SAMUEL KEITH.

MARK P. HUDSON.

JOHN LANE.

Fence Viewers.

A. HARRIS LATHAM.

HENRY GURNEY.

Field Drivers.

BENJAMIN SIDDALL.

FRANCIS HAYWARD.

Measurers of Wood.

JOHN E. WATERMAN.

HARRISON W. WHITE.

Weighers of Coal.

JOHN E. WATERMAN.

SAMUEL E. KEITH.
GEORGE ALLEN.

WILLIAM O. SHELDON.

Surveyor of Lumber.

S. L. SEAVER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ROBERT YOUNG.

Sexton.

MELVIN L. WEBBER.

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

Labor on highway, 1882, account of James Brown, and aid to poor in other towns, estimated	\$200 00
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ASSETS.

Due from Commonwealth for State aid . . .	\$701 00
Commonwealth for aid to indigent soldiers	159 00
Collector	8 00
Other towns	209 64
Cash in treasury	1,458 05
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	\$2,535 69

STATE AID.

PAID FROM FEB. 1, 1883, TO FEB. 1, 1884.

Harriet Eddy	\$8 00
Sarah B. Gould	48 00
Sarah C. Hudson	48 00
Betsey A. Hale	48 00
Mary Hudson	48 00
Harriet F. McCarter	16 00

Mary S. Ripley	\$48 00
Thankfull O. Trow	48 00
Eldridge Winsor	12 00
Charles L. Jones	12 00
Edmund W. Nutter	12 00
Lydia A. Hale	48 00
Perez Williams	24 00
Barzilla F. Ellis	12 00
Harriet Vosmus	8 00
William L. Morey	6 00
Jane R. Bancroft	48 00
Bradford Little	48 00
Charlotte E. Hansell	28 00
Caroline Williams	24 00
Harriet B. Bates	16 00
Hannah R. Stanley	4 00
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	\$614 00

AID TO INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Joseph M. Whitman	\$6 00
Selden M. Washburn	72 00
Charles Wright	96 00
Ferender C. Negus	120 00
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	\$294 00

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid S. O. Cobb	\$30 34
W. H. Osborne, attorney	75 12
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	\$105 46

No appropriation.

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Paid Alfred Mudge & Son printing town reports.	\$125 75
William Tobey, returns of deaths 1882	2 25
Henry Gurney, wood for office	2 37
H. A. Davis, sealing scales, etc.	12 35
I. N. Nutter, cash for deeds	2 95
S. L. Seaver, labor and material	44 45
Robert Young, cleaning scales	2 00
Avery & Doten, printing 1882	1 50
George M. Keith, moderator	5 00
B. W. Keith, insurance town barn	15 00
A. P. Smith, printing	13 00
Gammons & Nutter, stove and hardware	18 97
B. W. Keith, postal cards	11 00
Fairbanks, Brown & Co. weights and measures	6 75
I. N. Nutter, cash for flax seed	2 60
Jarvis Burrell, printing	7 25
Mary S. Rogers, copying	5 00
George A. Wheeler, cash paid printer	11 25
Thomas Keith, surveying	1 50
M. S. Curtis, printing	42 23
Garey, sawing wood for office	1 25
A. Mudge & Son, printing voting lists	25 75
L. W. Richards, cash and team	17 40
M. L. Webber, teams and sexton	58 25
L. Holbrook, returns of deaths	3 00
I. N. Nutter, stationery	6 82
I. N. Nutter, rent of office	41 67
Henry Gurney, cash and team	27 20
C. W. Siddall, repairing hearse	3 50

Paid Union Cemetery assessment on town lots .	\$2 00
M. P. Hudson, cash for guide-boards .	5 95
Algier's Express	3 50
John Lane, cash paid surveying 1880 .	13 00
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	\$542 46
Amount appropriated	\$600 00
Amount unexpended	57 54
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	\$600 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Amount appropriated	\$100 00
Paid Treas. G. A. R.	100 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Amount abated as per list	\$115 10
No appropriation.	

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

William Andrews, left town	\$2 00
Charles Boden, unable to pay	6 50
John H. Brush, left town	2 00
Leonard W. Barry, tax paid in Maine	2 00
Francis W. Chamberlain, left town	2 00
Henry Casey, "	2 00
Michael Coedy, "	2 00
Waldo A. Drake, "	2 00
Clarence B. Fuller, "	2 00
Michael Fleming, "	2 00
Est. of Sears R. Frost, unable to pay	4 00
Geo. W. Holmes, paid in South Abington	2 00
Richard S. Higgins, unable to pay	2 00

Est. of Wm. W. Keen, unable to pay . . .	\$10 50
John Lee, left town	2 00
Frank E. Mitchell, deceased	2 00
Hector McKenzie, left town	2 00
Heirs of John D. Mason, unable to pay . . .	13 00
Kenneth McLane, left town	2 00
Thomas McCann, "	2 00
Andrew Neville, taxed in South Abington .	2 00
John J. Paul, left town	2 00
Albion L. Ramsdell, left town	2 00
Thomas Rooney, "	2 00
Albert Shaw, "	2 00
Frank O. Swanoon, "	2 00
Ira H. Sumner, not taxable	2 50
Est. of Joseph Shaw, unable to pay . . .	4 60
Lyman C. Shaw, "	2 00
Samuel C. Smith, "	5 50
George L. Turner, unknown	2 00
Marcus Temple, paid in Marlboro'	2 00
Elmer E. Wright, at sea	2 00
George G. Wilbar, deceased	2 00
Georgiana Hunt, exemption	5 00
Martin Rounds, "	5 00
Allen Washburn, excess	2 50
R. A. Littlefield, "	2 00
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	\$115 10

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edmund W. Nutter, school committee .	\$45 00
Perley M. Griffin, " " . . .	44 25
Ezra Kingman, " " . . .	33 75
Edmund W. Nutter, supt. schools . . .	266 67
F. S. Strong, school committee . . .	8 75

Paid Henry Gurney, selectman, assessor, and overseer poor	\$132 50
L. W. Richards, selectman, assessor, and overseer poor	203 75
James S. Allen, selectman, assessor, and overseer poor	51 50
Samuel Luzarder, constable	15 00
Benjamin Siddall, "	84 16
Isaac N. Nutter, treasurer	100 00
Frank Smith, collector	123 28
Frank Smith, clerk.	51 10
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	\$1,159 71
Amount appropriated	1,000 00
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Overdrawn	\$159 71

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

For incidentals	\$542 46
Removing snow	136 38
Repairs of highways	2890 95
Sidewalks	488 27
Bridges and culverts	486 51
Payment of town officers	1,159 71
Suppression of crime	105 46
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00
Aid to persons out of the almshouse	2,199 30
Support of poor in the almshouse	1,660 93
State aid	614 00
Aid to indigent soldiers	294 00
Improvements at almshouse	240 62
Abatement of taxes	115 10
Mrs. Milikin's board at Taunton Lunatic Hospital refunded to town	161 31
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	\$11,195 00

LIST OF PERSONS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN
TO SERVE AS JURORS FOR 1884.

George W. Allen.	George B. Howland.
Wellington Caldwell.	Francis Hayward.
Samuel Keith.	Simeon C. Keith.
Martin P. McLauthlin.	David Pratt.
George E. Skillings.	Samuel C. White.
Granville C. Allen.	Eleazer Whitman.
Luther Harden.	Abbott T. Hewitt.
Eliab Latham.	Asaph Thompson.
Nathan M. Pool.	Zebina Keith.
Benjamin Ward.	Edmund W. Nutter.
Charles G. Wood.	Ezra F. Sampson.
Galen Willis, 2d.	William Edson.
Kimball E. Sheldon.	Robert Young.
John M. Whiting.	Ebenezer Whitmarsh.
Irving Bates.	George T. Mitchell.
Franklin Keith.	Henry Edson.
Charles Thrasher.	

HENRY GURNEY,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
JAMES S. ALLEN,
Selectmen of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

VALUATION FOR 1883.

Real estate	\$1,055,470 00
Personal	431,360 00
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	\$1,486,830 00

Number of polls, 809.

Tax on each poll, \$2.00.

Rate of taxation, \$10 on \$1,000.

State tax	\$1,395 00
County tax	1,497 33
Town tax	15,550 00
Overlay	43 97
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	\$18,486 30

Less estimate of corporation and bank tax from

Commonwealth	2,000 00
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	\$16,486 30

Added 5 polls	10 00
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Amount committed for collection	\$16,496 30

HENRY GURNEY,
JAMES S. ALLEN,
L. W. RICHARDS,
Assessors of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Amount money drawn from the treasury for labor and supplies:—

Paid Daniel Groves, salary to balance	.	.	\$66 66
A. Hunting, supplies	.	.	554 04
Charles E. Gaffney, labor	.	.	152 37
A. P. Sturtevant, blacksmith	.	.	20 47
Lewis P. Raymond, haying	.	.	24 00
Lemuel Pratt, haying	.	.	10 00
William H. Jefferson, haying	.	.	12 00
Henry W. Sears, salary	.	.	318 75
E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., clothing	.	.	5 15
B. Ward, beef	.	.	58 58
L. Holbrook & Son, 2 coffins	.	.	20 00
Joshua Sturtevant, Jr., oxen	.	.	158 00
J. Burgess, shingles	.	.	9 00
A. Millett, syringe, etc.	.	.	2 10
Dr. A. Millett	.	.	25 00
Gammons & Nutter, supplies	.	.	45 58
Henry W. Sears, cash for oxen	.	.	125 00
John Hobart, coal	.	.	54 23
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			\$1,660 93

PAID FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Paid Luther Wade, painting	.	.	.	\$21 73
G. C. Allen, lumber	.	.	.	33 48

Paid M. L. Webber, carriage	\$49 00
Gammons & Nutter, labor and material fitting up furnace	125 41
George B. Howland, labor	11 00
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	\$240 62

We have put in the furnace formerly used in the High School building. The school account should be credited, and the improvement of almshouse charged with \$75, amount agreed upon by School Committee and Overseers Poor.

CASH PAID BACK INTO TREASURY.

July 14. Sale of cattle	\$120 00
Aug. 1. Board Stephen O'Neil	6 00
Board State pauper	5 00
Feb. 16. Sale hay, Jacob Folsom	5 20
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	\$136 20

Three deaths have occurred during the year, viz., George Mellen, Willis Harding, Susannah Hayden. Present number inmates, five.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

DR.

Cash received for milk	\$43 72
" " " hay	105 31
" " " butter	13 54
" " " eggs	5 08
" " " potatoes	1 25
" " " apples	5 00
" " " onions	2 25

Cash received for beef	.	.	.	.	.	\$23 08
" " " pork	.	.	.	.	.	4 62
" " " bull	10 00
" " " sale cattle	165 00
" " " labor	101 97
" " " cash selectmen	125 00
" " " W. Harding	18
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						\$606 00

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Cash paid for fish	\$19 23
" " repairs	2 55
" " sundries	18 57
" " swine	31 50
" " posts and rails	9 80
" " Dr. Millet	.	.	.	.	.	5 65
" " wood	.	.	.	.	.	9 00
" " bedding	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
" " bedsteads	.	.	.	.	.	24 00
" " bread, etc.	.	.	.	.	.	10 35
" " labor	.	.	.	.	.	79 88
" " beef	.	.	.	.	.	20 52
" " groceries and supplies	33 91
" " clothing	13 25
" " yoke	5 00
" " ploughs	20 00
" " cattle	160 00
" " steers	125 00
" " ice	8 50
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						\$598 72
Cash in hands of warden	7 29
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						\$606 00

AID TO PERSONS OUT OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

Mrs. Abbot L. Soule, Brockton . . .	\$7 75
Mrs. J. L. Coulter, Brockton . . .	102 97
Mrs. Andrew P. Young . . .	10 25
Mrs. Catherine Quinn, Lowell . . .	24 00
Mrs. Augustus Vickery, Sandwich . . .	19 00
Mrs. Caswell, paid by City Taunton . . .	25 00
Mr. Asa W. Whitman . . .	12 00
Mrs. Worthington Hanson . . .	51 00
City Lynn aid to Connor's children . . .	230 00
Town Weymouth, aid O'Brien Quigley . . .	131 49
Mrs. H. B. Bates, belongs South Abington . . .	25 00
Dr. A. Millet, part of bill . . .	12 50
Mrs. Dugan . . .	7 88
Joseph M. Whitman . . .	10 61
Mrs. Wm. O. Nutter, belongs in Kingston . . .	2 98
Mrs. A. A. Harding . . .	3 00
Marcus Temple . . .	4 96
Mr. Willis Harding . . .	34 75
Mrs. E. Baker, belongs in Rochester . . .	22 61
Mrs. Sears R. Frost . . .	23 86
D. B. Lipstine, paid by Commonwealth . . .	15 50
Town Natick, aid C. D. Hatch family . . .	240 00
Taunton L. Hospital, board Clara Washburn, . . .	147 63
“ “ “ “ Robert Washburn, . . .	175 15
“ “ “ “ Hannah Dunn . . .	158 75
“ “ “ “ Nathaniel S. Boul- dry . . .	171 36
Aid to Hermon Washburn and family . . .	143 70
“ Mrs. J. H. Chadwick . . .	17 63
“ Willam U. Brett and family . . .	198 44

Aid to Mrs. Thomas H. Cummings	\$54 53
“ Mrs. Sally Packard	115 00
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	\$2,199 30
We have paid the Taunton Lunatic Hospital for board of Mrs. Mehitable Milliken which has been refunded to the town	161 31
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	\$2,358 58
Received and due from other towns	132 49
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	\$2,226 09
Town's proportion aid to indigent soldiers	147 00
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Net amount aid out of almshouse	\$2,373 09

HENRY GURNEY,
JAMES S. ALLEN,
L. W. RICHARDS,
Overseers of Poor.

To the Overseers of the Poor of East Bridgewater:

GENTLEMEN, — At your request I consented to act as Physician of the Almshouse and to the Board of Health for the year commencing April 1, 1883, and have discharged those duties to the present time with due regard to the welfare of the poor, and the interest of the inhabitants of the town.

The new keeper and matron, finding upon their arrival the house in an unsatisfactory condition, decided to have a thorough overhauling and cleaning of the premises. And if the report of the Overseers discloses the fact that some of the old furniture was destroyed and they had to purchase new, I am willing to accept fully any share of the responsibility of that act, without assigning any other reason than that I believed it to be the only proper thing to do under the circumstances. We now have a thoroughly clean and, since the

setting of a furnace, a comfortable house ; a home for the poor and unfortunate fully equal in every comfort to the homes of people in moderate circumstances in this community. There are now but two things which I would take the liberty to ask of you or your successors, — better ventilation of the chambers and a bath-tub for the use of both sick and well.

I commend to you and through you to the inhabitants of this town the faithful, untiring Christian labors of the present matron of the house. She has placed us all under a debt of gratitude for her good work. The inmates of the house are now reduced to five : Mr. Eaton, Mr. Wright, Miss S. Dunbar, Mrs. Edson, and Mrs. Hannah Dunn. The first four are in much the same condition as two years ago. Mrs. Dunn was brought here from Taunton Lunatic Asylum, Nov. 2, 1883. She is in very good bodily health ; and while I could not recommend that she be turned out into the world to earn a living or take care of herself, I must say she is in the place she occupies a very valuable help.

Since my connection with the house there have been three deaths : Amos Mellen died of general dropsy consequent upon disease of the heart and kidneys.

Willis Harding died in consequence of stone in the bladder, for which he had been operated upon in a Boston hospital but not cured. He had been in the house only a few weeks. He was a great yet a patient sufferer.

Miss Hayden had been an inmate for a long time and had suffered much from various diseases, besides being blind. Since my connection with the house last April, she has been quite demented and suffering from disease of the kidneys. These are all the deaths in the house since April last ; one came to us with no hope of recovery, and the other two have long been suffering from incurable diseases in old age, and death could be only a relief to them. All of them received the kindest and most untiring attention of the matron.

Fortunately for the town, there has been the past season very little work for the Board of Health. Diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, typhoid fever, have not visited us as they have some of our neighbors; and I believe that with good sanitary regulations this may be one of the most healthy towns in the State.

A. MILLET.

FEB. 15, 1884.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

DR.

To amount committed	\$38 87
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By amount collected	\$38 87
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ROBERT O. HARRIS.

George A. Wheeler, collector for 1882, removed from town, leaving a balance of \$45.12 uncollected.

Robert O. Harris was appointed collector.

A part of the tax of Esther C. Hines was abated, amount \$6.25, leaving \$38.87 which was committed to Mr. Harris for collection.

HENRY GURNEY,
L. W. RICHARDS,

Assessors, 1882.

REPORT OF THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highways:—

Francis Hayward	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$185	14
Waldo Hayward	.	.	.	.	.	.	40	17
L. H. Hayward	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	29
Alonzo Leach	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	40
Geo. S. Harlow	.	.	.	.	.	.	23	25
E. A. Howe	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	75
Dane F. Edson	.	.	.	.	.	.	17	33
David S. Gurney	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	45
Melzer Waterman	.	.	.	.	.	.	85	95
C. W. Waterman	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	98
Eliab Latham	.	.	.	.	.	.	93	12
W. C. Nute	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	25
Mike Hennessy	.	.	.	.	.	.	18	75
J. H. Sturtevant	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	35
I. T. Hatch	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	00
S. G. Whitmarsh	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	75
J. W. Perry	.	.	.	.	.	.	21	95
Wm. Dow	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	25
Reuben Harding	.	.	.	.	.	.	14	70
Patrick Carroll	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	25
Z. A. Jenkins	.	.	.	.	.	.	80	39
Galen Latham	.	.	.	.	.	.	34	25
John A. Whiting	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	64
C. E. Hooper	.	.	.	.	.	.	10	00
W. F. Keene	.	.	.	.	.	.	5	00

I. N. Nutter	\$3 15
Thomas Hewett	4 80
Patrick Luddy	7 50
T. Hobart	2 55
Edward Sharp	3 00
John Cook	70 35
Bela Hayward	8 43
Albert Bates	14 37
Andrew Dwyer	45 38
Stephen O'Neal	6 88
James B. Grover	15 75
S. D. Shaw	75
Walter L. Benson	105 73
Frank Fisher	24 38
Parker & Gannett	26 56
E. S. Davenport	2 25
Mark P. Hudson	110 60
James Cook	1 50
L. Harden	8 25
A. G. Edson	3 75
Wm. Ramsdell	11 25
M. Wilder	9 00
David Pratt	16 50
Ebenezer Whitmarsh	29 75
B. P. Beals	24 45
Daniel Briggs	4 50
L. W. Noyes	2 25
Andrew Clark	15 00
Dennis Curran	77 70
Reuben Bates	3 36
Nat. Perkins	12 46
Geo. F. Hayward	3 75
E. H. Brown	12 25

Chas. E. Brown	\$22 65
Mt. Hope Iron Co.	20 46
Moten E. Hill	11 70
Pat. Brine	4 50
A. K. Benson	6 38
Bradford Little	18 00
Henry W. Sears	56 47
William Smith	1 50
J. Burrell	2 00
L. P. Raymond	1 13
S. F. Howland	1 50
Algier's Express	3 50
N. M. Keene	2 50
Walter V. Judkins	27 00
Stephen Harlow	1 25
Daniel Desmond	47 85
Henry Greene	3 00
C. W. Siddall	2 50
Spencer Leonard	3 00
James McAnaugb	51 75
Christopher Monahan	141 75
N. W. French	7 83
A. Sharp	1 50
Patrick Drislane	29 40
Oliver Pratt	6 00
J. E. Bisbee	18 15
Fred L. Keith	6 63
John Curley	1 50
Samuel Keith	160 20
Herbert C. Keith	136 10
L. Churchill, Jr.	13 50
E. L. Clark	118 30
Geo. L. French	23 63
Martin Sumner	50 51

James Mangan	\$4 20
D. W. Gurney	86 22
J. E. Noyes	5 25
H. H. Erskins	8 78
Martin Parris	8 73
E. K. Eaton	5 97
Geo. L. Chamberlain	81 38
Barney Sheridan	8 25
John Shepard	6 00
Eugene Carpenter	14 25
Ezra F. Sampson	96 74
J. B. Harden	50 50
C. W. Pratt	1 50
Hosea Hathaway	37 90
David Roach	9 00
East Bridgewater Iron Co.	7 65
James S. Allen	19 13
Charles R. Beals	3 00
Eleazer Whitman	75
John Lane	17 60

\$2,890 95

SAMUEL KEITH,
MARK P. HUDSON,
JOHN LANE,

Road Commissioners Town of East Bridgewater.

Paid the following persons for labor and material for sidewalks:—

D. W. Gurney	\$57 37
Waldo Bros.	15 30
O. C. R. R. Co.	1 70
Samuel Keith	32 00
Mark P Hudson	38 00
Geo. L. Chamberlain	41 75

Eliab Latham	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$22 75
Martin Parris .	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 75
John Cook .	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 75
Andrew Dwyer	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 75
Herbert C. Keith	.	,	.	.	.	.	63 50
Patrick Drislane	.	.	.	.	.	.	37 50
Martin Sumner	.	.	.	.	.	.	23 25
James Mangin	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Dane F. Edson	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 55
Mike Hennessy	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Christopher Monahan	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
Daniel Desmond	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Alonzo Sharp .	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Melzer Waterman	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 75
M. E. Hill .	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 35
Thomas Hewett	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 40
Reuben Harding	.	.	.	.	.	.	9 75
Jabez Sturtevant	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 80
Dennis Curran	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 00
Marcellus Day	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 60
H. H. Erskins	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 75
Albert Bates .	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 50
Waldo Hayward	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 50
Bela Hayward	.	.	.	.	.	.	1 25
Francis Hayward	.	.	.	.	.	.	4 50
E. W. Clark .	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
I. N. Nutter .	.	.	.	.	.	.	7 20

\$488 27

SAMUEL KEITH,
MARK P. HUDSON,
JOHN LANE,

Road Commissioners.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on bridges:—

Eugene Carpenter	\$1 50
O. C. R. R. Co.	14 12
Geo. L. French	3 00
Geo. L. Chamberlain	18 00
Andrew Dwyer	10 50
Mark P. Hudson	13 00
Herman Leonard	6 25
O. S. Soule	33 05
Samuel Keith	28 50
G. C. Allen	150 85
W. F. Keene	50 00
T. E. Hobart	1 00
Eliab Latham	16 45
Melzer Waterman	4 05
Albert L. Alger	8 96
Gammors & Nutter	12 51
E. Bridgewater Iron Co.	4 30
S. L. Seaver	6 17
H. H. Erskins	4 00
E. F. Sampson	3 00
Marcellus Day	61 10
Francis Hayward	8 00
Zenas A. Jenkins	6 00
Patrick Drislane	3 00
Waldo Bros.	13 20
Mark P. Hudson	3 00
John Lane	3 00

\$486 51

SAM'L KEITH,
MARK P. HUDSON,
JOHN LANE,

Road Commissioners Town of East Bridgewater.

Paid the following persons for material and labor for making seven snow ploughs :—

O. S. Soule	\$9 18	
S. L. Seaver	13 24	
Carver Cotton Gin Co.	1 70	
Sam Keith	2 00	
East Bridgewater Iron Co.	1 74	
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		\$27 86

Paid the following persons for clearing highways and sidewalks of snow :—

James R. Hudson	\$11 10	
Mark P. Hudson	6 60	
Eliab Latham	2 40	
Galen Latham	2 00	
Levi Noyes	1 40	
Reuben Harden	2 20	
Herbert Keith	5 10	
John W. Carroll	1 60	
Michael Fitzgerld	1 60	
John Cook	1 20	
Geo. L. French	1 20	
David Tower	1 50	
Sam Keith	3 00	
Frank Hayward	5 50	
John Eastman	9 25	
David Roach	11 70	
Ezra Sampson	3 20	
D. W. Gurney	15 25	
John Lane	2 50	
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		88 30
Paid snow bills 1882 and 1883.		20 22
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		\$136 38

SAM'L KEITH,
MARK P. HUDSON,
JOHN LANE,

Road Commissioners Town of East Bridgewater.

TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater,
in the County of Plymouth, Greeting: —*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said town on Monday, the tenth day of March next, at one o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit: —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of town officers.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges.

ART. 5. To see what method the town will adopt for the collection of taxes.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 8. To act on a list of jurors proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 9. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town.

ART. 10. To see what measures the town will take to provide additional apparatus, and also secure a supply of water

with which to protect the buildings in town from destruction by fire.

ART. 11. To hear and act on the report of the committee chosen to report on the subject of a public library.

ART. 12. To act on any other business that may come before them.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also at each of the public meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.

HENRY GURNEY,
L. WATTS RICHARDS,
JAMES S. ALLEN,

Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Treasurer,*

In account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1883.

DR.

Feb. 19.	Balance, as per previous report .	\$1,859 09
“ 24.	State Treasurer, corporation tax .	313 44
	State Treasurer, national bank tax .	3 24
April 12.	Asa Millet, guardian of Mehitable Milliken, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital	29 94
May 5.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed on note of town .	2,000 00
June 15.	State Treasurer, borrowed on note of town	2,000 00
July 2.	R. O. Harris, collector on tax of 1882	36 87
14.	Selectmen, amount received for cattle sold from almshouse . .	120 00
21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, borrowed on note of town . .	1,000 00
26.	Asa Millett, guardian of Mehitable Milliken, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital	43 45
Aug. 1.	Stephen O'Neil, board at almshouse	6 00
8.	City of Taunton, aid to Mrs. H. P. Caswell	25 00
Oct. 8.	Estate of James Eaton, for release of real estate sold by collector .	87 64

Oct.	15.	Asa Millett, guardian of Mehitable Millikin, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital	\$43 01
Dec.	3.	State Treasurer, corporation tax	1,565 99
	3.	State Treasurer, national bank tax	716 67
	3.	State Treasurer, State aid	982 00
	3.	State Treasurer, relief of indigent soldiers	219 00
	13.	State Treasurer, cases of settlement and bastardy	20 50
1884.			
Jan.	21.	Asa Millett, guardian of Mehitable Milliken, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital	44 91
	21.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax	215 62
	30.	State Treasurer, corporation tax	189 13
	30.	State Treasurer, national bank tax,	7 94
	30.	State Treasurer, income of school fund	199 81
Feb.	16.	Selectmen, for hay sold from alms- house	5 20
	18.	Robert O. Harris, collector on tax of 1882	2 00
	20.	Frank Smith, collector on account of tax of 1883, including inter- est collected	16,544 81
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			\$28,281 26
1883.			
CR.			
Oct.	1.	State Treasurer, note of town	\$2,000 00
	1.	State Treasurer, interest	24 80
	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, two notes of town	3,000 00

Oct.	1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest	\$45 50
	10.	Town of Hanson, tax on real estate,	19
	24.	County tax for 1883	1,497 33
Dec.	1.	State tax for 1883	1,595 00
	1.	Frank Smith, collector, tax of 1883, on real estate held by town by deeds, from collector, viz. :	
		Geo. W. Dean	\$0 50
		John Enwright	40
		Abby Farrar	2 50
		Benj. F. Jackson	70
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1884.

Feb.	20.	Frank Smith, collector, tax for 1883, on real estate taxed to John Worton, sold for non-payment of tax	13 72
	20.	Orders drawn by Selectmen	11,195 00
	20.	Orders drawn by School Committee	7,647 57
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		Balance	\$26,823 21
		Cash on hand	1,458 05
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			\$28,281 26

I. N. NUTTER.

Town Treasurer,

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1883.

Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	\$84 66
"	2.	J. Dorey, dance	10 00
"	5.	Unitarian Society	10 00
"	13.	E. B. Cornet Band	5 00
"	16.	B. Alden, dance	10 00
"	22.	Unitarian Society	10 00
"	28.	B. Alden, dance	10 00
March	14.	E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., dance .	10 00
"	21.	Unitarian Society	10 00
"	28.	N. Y. Opera Co.	10 00
April	5, 6.	High School	8 00
"	17.	E. B. Cornet Band	5 00
"	27.	N. Y. Opera Co.	10 00
"	30.	Unitarian Society	10 00
May	1.	Hayward's Minstrels	10 00
"	18.	J. Dorey, dance	12 00
June	14, 15, 16.	Unitarian Fair	15 00
"	18.	Reunion 29th Regiment . . .	3 00
July	1.	Temperance Union	2 50
Aug.	24.	R. J. Mitchell, dance	12 00
Oct.	16.	Republican Town Committee .	5 00
"	18.	Spauldings	10 00
"	25.	J. Kingston, dance	12 00
"	30.	Democratic Town Committee .	5 00
"	31.	Unitarian Society	3 00

1883.

Nov.	3.	Republican Town Committee	\$5 00
"	6.	Prof. Cooper, dancing school	25 00
"	25.	Temperance lecture	2 50
"	28, 29.	Unitarian Society	8 00
Dec.	6.	Thayer & Lothrop	3 00
"	13.	" "	5 00
"	14.	Unitarian Society	6 00
"	20.	Thayer & Lathrop	5 00
"	24.	Unitarian Sunday School	5 00
"	25.	Thayer & Lothrop	8 00
"	27.	High School Reunion	5 00

1884.

Jan.	3.	Thayer & Lothrop	5 00
"	15.	Hanoverian Family	10 00
"	16.	Unitarian Society	5 00
"	18.	Prof. Cooper	7 50
"	22.	G. A. R. Post	6 00
"	25.	Unitarian Society	6 00
"	31.	Leap-year party	12 00

 \$421 16

EXPENDITURES.

1883.

March	3.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	\$12 00
April	3.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	6 00
"	13.	J. Hobart, coal	1 10
"	18.	Insurance on Town Hall	26 25
May	1.	Isadas Fuller	7 50
June	2.	Isadas Fuller	3 00
July	1.	Isadas Fuller	7 50
"	9.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc.	15 97
Sept.	26.	W. V. West, wood	4 50
Oct.	1.	Isadas Fuller	5 50
"	13.	F. E. Stuart, settees	34 00

1883.

Oct.	15.	Freight on settees	\$3 10
Nov.	1.	Isadas Fuller	7 00
Dec.	3.	Isadas Fuller	18 00
	“ 14.	J. Hobart, coal	14 50

1884.

Jan.	1.	Isadas Fuller	14 50
	“ 3.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc. . .	14 80
Feb.	1.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc. . .	4 35
	“ 1.	Isadas Fuller	15 50
	“ 1.	M. S. Curtis, kalsomining . .	10 50
	“ 1.	F. Smith, wax for floor . . .	1 60
	“ 1.	F. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer Committee	10 00
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			\$237 17
Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	183 99
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			\$421 16

AMOS HUNTING,
ISAAC N. NUTTER,
FRANK SMITH,
Town Hall Committee.

There is now due from Prof. Cooper \$32 $\frac{50}{100}$ for use of hall for dancing school.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector,**In account with* TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

DR.

To amount committed for collection . .	\$16,496 30
“ “ of interest collected . . .	56 51
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	\$16,552 81

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By amount paid Treasurer,	\$16,544 81
“ “ taxes uncollected,	8 00
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	\$16,552 81

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, school committee, treasurer, assessors and collector, and report as follows :—

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer	. \$11,195 00
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer	. 11,195 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer	. \$7,647 57
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer	. 7,647 57

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year	. . . \$28,281 26
Amount paid out during the year	. . . 26,823 21
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Cash on hand \$1,458 05

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection	. . . \$16,496 30
Interest 56 51
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	\$16,552 81
Amount paid to treasurer 16,544 81
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Uncollected taxes \$8 00
Amount committed to R. O. Harris for collection,	38 87
Amount paid to treasurer	. . . . . 38 87

(The collector has shown us the treasurer's receipt for the above amounts.)

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount received during the year ending Jan. 31,	
1884	\$606 00
Amount paid out during the year ending Jan. 31,	
1884	598 71
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Cash on hand Feb. 31, 1884	\$7 29
Total valuation is	\$1,486,830 00

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,

H. L. WATERMAN,

R. A. LITTLEFIELD,

Auditors.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.,

Feb. 25, 1884.

The committee chosen at the annual town meeting held March 12, 1883, to take into consideration the subject of a public town library, submit the following report:—

The greater part of the towns in this Commonwealth, particularly those having a population as large or larger than our own, have established and maintain public libraries. The towns adjoining this, with possibly two exceptions, now maintain public libraries, and we think the time will soon arrive when none but the smallest towns with high rates of taxation will fail to provide its citizens with the advantages which a well-selected library affords. It seems to your committee that the benefits of our public-school system cannot be fully realized unless supplemented with the opportunities for acquiring information which the perusal of good books affords, and in order to accomplish this desirable result, and at the same time make our town the equal of others in the attrac-

tions which good schools, good roads, and quiet streets have, not only for those now residing in our limits, but for those also who in seeking a new location may be drawn to this by no means unattractive town, by our being able to offer the advantages already enumerated.

An opportunity is offered at this time for this town to establish a public library without the expenditure of a large amount.

At the annual meeting of the East Bridgewater Library Association held in January last the following vote was passed, viz. : "That if the town will annually appropriate a sum not less than one hundred dollars to be expended for books under the direction of the library committee, the public may have the free use of the books belonging to this association."

In view of this action of the Library Association your committee recommend the acceptance of the offer, and that the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated the present year, of which three hundred dollars of said sum shall be used in the purchase of books, and that the library be kept in the room occupied by the town officers, and be open at least on two week-day afternoons of each week, and at such other times as may be deemed proper and best.

EZRA KINGMAN,
GEO. W. ALLEN,
I. N. NUTTER,
Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-two marriages have been recorded during the year 1883.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
1883.	
Jan. 16.	Roscoe S. Hunt of Bridgewater, and Elizabeth McCabe of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. Milton Peck.
Jan. 17.	Elisha R. Magoun and Lydia A. Sylvester, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
Feb. 6.	James Pendergrast and Sarah Flynn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
Feb. 8.	F. Granville Keith of Easton, and Deborah Reed of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Perley M. Griffin.
Feb. 15.	Walter V. Judkins and Emma F. Mills, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. F. A. Crafts.
March 1.	James B. Grover and Lois F. Wilbar, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
March 6.	Edgar E. Worcester of East Bridgewater, and Henrietta Lothrop of West Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
April 7.	Nathaniel S. Bouldry and Lenora J. Hill, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
April 18.	Frank E. Wentworth of East Bridgewater, and Julia T. Damon of Boston. By Rev. B. M. Frink.

- April 24. John D. White of Manchester, Ky., and Alice M. Harris of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- May 26. Adna Howland and Hattie Osborn, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
- May 27. Fred Leland Welch and Catharine McDonald, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.
- June 7. Fred L. Chandler of Duxbury, and Loretta C. Lyon of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
- June 13. Julius L. Hayward of West Bridgewater, and Ida Aldridge of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.
- June 13. Willard E. Barnes of Brockton, and Lilla F. Shipman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.
- July 1. Lewis G. Emily of Brockton, and Nettie A. Freeman of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
- July 29. Hezimaire Pinsaneault and Mathilde Thibault, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
- Sept. 2. Michael J. Crowley of East Bridgewater, and Minnie F. Pickett of Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
- Sept. 12. Peleg W. Sampson of East Bridgewater, and Mary P. Pope of Bridgewater. By Rev. T. F. Wright.
- Sept. 17. George W. Bloomstrand and Minnie E. Bowman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Henry O. Lindblad.
- Sept. 19. Edgar A. Standish and Betsey H. Brown, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

- Sept. 30. J. Alvan Lyon of East Bridgewater, and Alice B. Southworth of Lakeville. By Rev. E. Dawes.
- Oct. 12. Frank A. Trescott and Mary G. Carleton, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
- Oct. 18. Nathaniel N. Thayer of Boston, and Anna Caroline Hobart of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Oct. 23. Charles W. Adams and Julia Donohoe, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.
- Nov. 4. Clarence W. Lyon and Alice B. Bishop, both of Halifax. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Nov. 21. Fred G. Bonney and Amy Keith, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Nov. 25. Samuel E. Keith and Flora A. Luzarder, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
- Nov. 29. Daniel L. Reed of Brockton, and Marcia A. Edson of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quinby.
- Dec. 15. Harry Cole and Matilda Johnson, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. Milton Peck.
- Dec. 22. Charles E. Gaffney and Celia Elman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.
- Dec. 29. Myron E. Hayward of East Bridgewater, and Abbie G. Marchant of Abington. By Rev. F. A. Warfield.

FRANK SMITH,

Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1883.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
1883.		
Jan. 6....	Lizzie Gertrude Bunker.....	Theodore E. and Annie.
" 27....	Henry William Smith.....	William and Kate.
Feb. 5....	Myra Josephine Griffin.....	Perley M. and Eva J.
" 5....	Percy F. Van Amringe.....	George C. and Thankful H.
" 13....	Patrick Andrew Condon	Thomas and Kate.
" 15....	— Harden.....	John W. and Lura.
" 23....	Paul Dillon.....	James and Annie.
March 2....	Angus Alec Nicholson	Murdock and Effie.
" 6....	Ann Thibault.....	Nazaira and Mary.
" 18....	Joanna Geary.....	Daniel and Mary.
" 29....	Alfred Chase Ransden	Elias A. and Mary T.
April 2....	Lizzie Pendergrast.....	James and Sarah.
" 8....	Margaret Clift Hunting	Amos and Margaret O.
" 12....	Arthur Reynolds Latham.....	E. Austin and Lucy A.
" 11....	Bridget Elizabeth Campbell....	Lot and Mary A.
" 28....	George Wright Bouldry.....	Thomas H. and Celia W.
May 1....	Owen Feeney.....	Michael, Jr., and Mary.
" 1....	Katie Alice Elman.....	Peter and Alice.
" 6....	James Paul Dillon.....	John and Sarah.
" 6....	Florence Allen Lincoln.....	Isaac H. and Emily M.
" 26....	Charles Frederick Jordan	John F. and Ella P.
June 15....	Mary Kingsley Churchill....	Frank N. and Florence W.
July 1....	Robert Kenneth Keith.....	Nahum and Maria.
" 6....	Louise Foster Pratt.....	Prescott H. and Agnes C.
" 7....	Alfred Emmet Hill.....	William J. and Susan M.
" 28....	John Winn.....	Barney and Mary.
" 30....	Walter Kenneth Lyon	Walter H. & Josephine R.
Aug. 12....	Willie Burke	Michael and Ellen.
" 16....	Russell Robinson Baker.....	William T. and Emily.
" 26....	Carro Hayward.....	William A. and Louise B.
" 30....	Lewis Everett Sisson.....	Job E. and Lizzie F.
Sept. 3....	Marion Forbes Dunbar.....	George W. and Susie E.
" 17....	Hubert Dudley Johnson.....	Henry E. and Lucy.
" 18....	Annie Barrett.....	Patrick and Bridget.
" 24....	Frank Welford Hain	Charles F. and Annie S.
" 25....	Ellen Swift	Timothy and Mary.
Oct. 3....	— Fish.....	Thomas J. and Annie.
" 19....	Grace Evelyn French	William H. and Almira D.
" 25....	Harry Lyman Freeman.....	James D. and E. Augusta.
Nov. 10....	Ralph Spaulding Place.....	Carlos H. and Pauline M.
" 14....	Flora Wilbur Gurney	Reuben A. and Lois W.
" 15....	Agnes Amelia Noyes.....	Daniel W. and Etta.

Whole number of births, 42; males, 22; females, 20.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1883.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASES OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1883.					
Jan. 6,	Abby Francis Littlefield	16	6	25	Heart Disease.
" 7,	Michael Mahoney.....	30	....	....	Phthisis.
" 10,	Charles H. Goss	49	10	3	Consumption.
" 17,	Betsey Porter.....	90	5	....	Old Age.
Feb. 10,	Lysander Bourne.....	70	....	....	Angina Pectoris.
" 14,	Ellen F. Donnelly.....	....	4	10	Whooping Cough.
" 17,	Thomas Rogers.....	76	5	6	Accidental Burning.
" 17,	— Harden.....	....	....	2	Inanition.
" 17,	Maria Hicks.....	72	5	5	Chronic Bronchitis.
" 24,	Daniel P. Edson.....	67	2	3	Chronic Myelitis.
March 11,	Laura A. Tillson.....	71	11	28	Cancer.
" 11,	Henry Johnson.....	64	3	4	Inflam'n of Sacrum.
" 22,	Jane Davenport.....	75	1	14	Congestion of Lungs.
" 23,	Ruth Harden.....	50	....	15	Pneumonia.
" 31,	Martha A. Boden.....	34	2	20	Dropsy.
April 2,	Maria B. Dawes.....	76	4	....	Apoplexy.
" 6,	Lucius I. Freeman....	18	9	....	Heart Disease.
" 14,	Percy F. Van Amringe..	....	2	10	Convulsions.
" 17,	Myra K. Tillson..	33	9	10	Consumption.
" 23,	Amos W. Mellen.....	83	3	25	Old Age.
" 28,	Napoleon Gadbois.....	....	3	11	Convulsions.
May 9,	Jefferson B. Meservy..	53	6	13	Inflam'n of Bowels.
" 18,	Joseph Shaw.....	74	5	....	Bright's Disease.
" 23,	William W. Keen.....	73	11	26	Apoplexy.
" 24,	Benjamin R. Alden....	75	....	....	Heart Disease.
June 2,	Lea Thibault.....	2	....	....	Croup.
" 16,	Owen Feeney.....	....	1	16	Convulsions.
" 17,	Perez Williams.....	66	....	20	Disease of Lungs.
" 20,	Willis Harden.....	68	....	....	Cystitis.
" 26,	— Sosa.....	....	....	1	Hemorrhage.
" 28,	William U. Brett.....	39	6	26	Chronic Abscess.
" 29,	Charles Holmes.....	48	1	22	Typhoid Malar'l Fever
July 1,	Harriet F. McCarter....	59	3	24	Cancer.
" 13,	Alexander P. Thompson	18	6	3	Phthisis.
" 18,	Frank E. Mitchell.....	22	4	16	Lockjaw.
" 22,	Thomas A. Herrick....	63	7	....	Paralysis.
Aug. 30,	Mary Feeney.....	80	....	....	Consumption.
Sept. 4,	John Noonan.....	65	....	....	Accidental Drowning.
" 8,	George G. Wilbar.....	29	....	....	Cerebral Congestion.
Oct. 10,	Frank P. Reed.....	28	7	23	Blood Poisoning.
" 20,	Ellen O. Hearn.....	70	....	....	Jaundice.
Nov. 9,	Sally P. Knapp.....	84	6	5	Paralysis.
" 17,	Sophia T. Stuart.....	70	6	....	Gangrene.
" 19,	Henry W. Sturtevant...	43	....	....	Catarrhal Pneumonia.

Deaths Registered, etc., continued.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASES OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Days.	Months.	Years.	
1883.					
Nov. 20,	Julia E. Lincoln.....	12	1	8	Spinal Meningitis.
“ 25,	Simeon W. Richmond..	59	7	15	Tumor.
Dec. 4,	Jane A. Temple.....	35	....	....	Pneumonia.
“ 11,	Daniel P. Dyson.....	22	3	11	Consumption.
“ 21,	Isaac Lincoln.....	74	9	11	Apoplexy.
“ 24,	Herman A. Washburn..	53	2	....	Marasmus.
“ 26,	Susanna Hayden.....	91	....	....	Old Age.
1882.					
Jan. 31,	Abbie G. Starbuck.....	70	....	....	Pneumonia.
Dec. 18,	Adeline H. Keene.....	70	....	....

Whole number of deaths in 1883.....51

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FOR

1883-4.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the annual town meeting, Ezra Kingman was chosen a member of the School Committee for one year to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of R. O. Harris. Rev. P. M. Griffin was elected for the three-years' term.

The board was organized by the choice of E. W. Nutter as chairman and treasurer, and Mr. Griffin as secretary.

The town having voted to employ a superintendent, Mr. Nutter was appointed to that position. His report of the condition and progress of the schools during the year accompanies this.

The committee have held twenty-two meetings during the year, at nearly all of which there has been a full attendance of the board. The superintendent has presented a written report at each of the regular sessions, held on the second Monday of each month.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION.

From their observation of the schools during the past year, the committee are convinced that the standard of scholarship is below that which can and should be maintained.

The existing defects are due chiefly to two causes, — the employment of untrained teachers, and the lack of a close and intelligent supervision.

In making this assertion, the committee disclaim any intention of criticising their predecessors in office. It is, rather, a condemnation of the system of school superintendence heretofore in vogue in this town, and most others of the

State. That this system cannot be depended upon to produce the best results is clearly shown in the following extracts from a recent report of the Board of Education : —

“Every school committee man may be supposed to have his own business or occupation to follow. He cannot afford to neglect it to superintend the internal affairs of the schools. He is never paid for such a sacrifice, nor is it expected that he will give such careful study to the school problems which constantly present themselves, as to enable him to make a philosophical solution of them all. This is the work of the professional educator, who has given his life to the study and practice of teaching.”

“The best results are secured by placing the inspection and direction of the schools in the hands of a single person, competent and able to devote himself to giving advice in all matters pertaining to the teaching and general management of the schools, he acting under the full committee as an advisory and authoritative board. This plan is virtually adopted in most of the larger places, and in many of the smaller ones, and uniformly with the most satisfactory results.”

The committee strongly urge the continuance of the method of superintendence adopted by the town at the beginning of the year.

If the salary of the superintendent were to be raised sufficiently to compensate him for devoting a larger share of his time to the direction of the schools, their efficiency would be correspondingly increased.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The sum paid for teaching during the year is somewhat in excess of the appropriation. The vote of the town by which the appropriation was made specified that a certain portion should be expended “on other schools than the High.”

In compliance with the evident intention of this vote, the committee reduced the salaries of the teachers of the High School.

The committee share in what seems to be the prevalent opinion that the pay of the teachers in the primary and mixed schools has been disproportionately low. The successful management of these schools requires that their instructors should possess qualities which are not so constantly called into exercise in the higher or graded schools.

It is neither justice nor good policy to keep the salaries in any grade of schools so low as to render it difficult to obtain for them the services of competent teachers.

We must continue to labor under the disadvantage growing out of the competition of the larger towns and cities which offer so much greater remuneration as to give them almost a monopoly of skilled instruction. So long, however, as we are compelled to seek for teachers beyond our own limits, we must offer salaries equal to those paid by the majority of towns of the size of our own.

During the year many vacancies have occurred in the schools, and the committee have found it very difficult to obtain experienced teachers. To do this, they have been forced, in most instances, to raise the salaries. To maintain them at the present rate will require for the ensuing year a sum equal to that expended the past year.

The following is a list of the teachers at present employed, with the salaries paid. The school year is reckoned as forty weeks for the High School, and thirty-six for the others.

Wyman C. Fickett, High School . . .	\$975 00
Florence M. Cross	375 00
Fred M. Wight, Central Grammar . . .	432 00
Ann W. Harden, Centre Intermediate . .	288 00
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, West Intermediate .	288 00

Ellen M. Murphy, North Primary . . .	\$288 00
Cora B. Ripley, North Primary . . .	144 00
Agnes A. Voigt, West Primary . . .	288 00
Alva B. Whitney, Beaver Grammar . .	360 00
Lura J. Burrell, Beaver Primary . . .	252 00
Annie S. Clifford, Elmwood Grammar . .	360 00
Fannie M. Gurney, Elmwood Primary . .	252 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Satucket	252 00
Bertha I. Mason, Curtisville	252 00
Mary E. Worcester, Eastville	252 00
Gertrude Fuller, Northville	360 00

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The various items of expenditure for the repair and improvement of school property are given in the financial report.

Considerable improvements have been made in the buildings of the Northville and North Primary schools. New outbuildings have been constructed at Elmwood.

A fence has been built around the yard of the West Primary. The interiors of the High and Central Grammar school-rooms have been renovated, and other repairs involving smaller outlays than the above have been made. In addition, all the wells but two have been put in order, and a supply of water for every school can be secured at slight expense the coming year.

New outbuildings are needed at Satucket and Eastville.

Alterations should be made in the building at Elmwood, to render it comfortable and convenient for the pupils of the two schools. The floors should be relaid and other changes made in the interior. A portion of the fence must be rebuilt, and the building needs painting inside and outside.

The building at Beaver is old-fashioned, ill-arranged, and

in most respects unsuitable for its purpose. Its form and dimensions are such as to render it impossible to change it to meet the requirements of a modern school building. Could this be done, the expense would be so great, that it would be wiser for the town to consider the construction of a new building. This the committee believe to be the true policy, and they recommend that an appropriation for that purpose be made this year, if the financial condition of the town will warrant it.

For reasons given below, but a small part of the sum appropriated for the East Primary Schoolhouse has been expended on that building; nothing more having been done than to paint the outside and put in new windows.

During the fall term, the membership of the school fell off, until the average number of pupils attending was less than twenty. It was found that all but one of these resided in the village, north of Spring Street.

To save expense and for the better accommodation of the pupils, it was decided to unite the school with the North Primary, for the winter term at least.

The West and North Primaries have now as many pupils as can be well cared for. Should their membership increase as it probably will during the summer terms, the East Primary building could be moved to a lot near the head of Spring Street, where it would be so near the centre of population of the village that pupils could be transferred to it without inconvenience.

ESTIMATES.

The committee estimate that the following sums will be required the coming year for the support of schools and the repairs on property : —

School purposes	.	.	.	.	.	\$5,600
Incidentals	.	.	.	.	.	300

Books and apparatus	\$50
Repairs at Elmwood	350
General repairs	200

For the committee,

P. M. GRIFFIN.

EZRA KINGMAN.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

In submitting to you my annual report as superintendent of the schools, I may be permitted to allude briefly to the demands which the duties of the office make upon the time and labor of its incumbent, and to point out some of the obstacles which lie in the way of the accomplishment of the objects aimed at.

By the agreement made with the committee at the time of my appointment, I was required to devote to the schools one half of each day on which they were in session, or an equivalent time. That I have done much more than this agreement exacted, you who have aided me in my work will readily believe.

To visit the schools as often as the law requires, would alone occupy three half-days out of every four ; but this constitutes the smaller part of the labor of the superintendent. The employment of teachers, with the necessary correspondence and examinations ; the preparation of questions to test the proficiency of the pupils, and the examination of the written answers ; the keeping of records and the making of reports, — these and other duties claim their share of attention.

I have been compelled to defer or leave undone many things which I felt the welfare of the schools demanded. Had I been at liberty to give a larger share of my time to the public schools, I would gladly have done so. As it is, I can only express regret at my inability to discharge all the duties that have pressed upon me.

The work of raising our schools to such a standard of excellence as will insure the thorough training of the pupils in all the departments of instruction is not one that can be accomplished in a short time, nor does it depend solely upon the efforts of those charged with the responsibility of supervision. To this end, many conditions are necessary, the chief of which are, a liberal provision by the town for the support of the schools and the supply of needed apparatus, a regular progressive course of study, a corps of trained and competent teachers, efficient supervision, and the moral support of the community.

That the citizens of the town appreciate the value of good schools, and are willing to tax themselves liberally for the education of the young, I am glad to believe.

That there has been, however, a want of a well-defined policy in the support and management of the schools must, I think, be admitted.

The methods of instruction generally employed have not been calculated to excite interest in the minds of the pupils, nor to lead to a natural development of their faculties, which are the prime objects of education.

Whatever reforms are to be accomplished must be brought about through the instrumentality of those placed in direct charge of the schools.

Only by the retention of good teachers, through longer periods of service, can we hope to gain the end sought.

In this respect the past year has been an unfortunate one. Of the fifteen schools, only seven have been exempt from the ill effects resulting from a change of teachers.

The prospect for the coming year, however, is more encouraging. We are justified in expecting that the teachers now employed will render acceptable service, and will continue at their posts.

Having thus called attention to some considerations which should be borne in mind in judging the results of the past year, I proceed to report the condition of the schools during that time.

ATTENDANCE.

By the school census, May, 1883, the number of children in town between five and fifteen years of age was	453
A decrease from last year of	39
Whole number of pupils of all ages enrolled on school registers	543
Of these the number over fifteen years was	40
Of these the number under fifteen years was	11
Number of pupils of school age attending	492

Or thirty-nine more than the number shown by the census.

This number includes those children who have come of school age during the year, those who have come in from other towns, and the pupils of the Beaver schools who reside in West Bridgewater.

Average membership of the schools	446
Average attendance of the schools	401
Per cent of average attendance	90.5

The following table shows the membership and attendance of the schools severally : —

NAME OF SCHOOL.	NUMBER OF PUPILS.			Per cent of Average Attendance for Year.
	Summ r.	Fall.	Winter.	
High School.....	38	36	36	94
Central Grammar	47	59	56	92
Centre Intermediate	30	32	32	87
West Intermediate.....	36	32	31	94
West Primary	46	38	36	90
East Primary	30	19	..	83
North Primary.....	33	28	44	89
Beaver Grammar.....	29	26	25	89
Beaver Primary.....	33	33	32	89
Elmwood Grammar	21	28	28	95
Elmwood Primary	39	40	35	88
Curtisville.....	22	20	22	95
Northville.....	41	43	39	91
Eastville	23	30	23	89
Satucket	18	17	14	92
	486	481	453	90½

It will be seen by this table that eight of the fifteen schools show an average of over ninety per cent. The average of all the schools, ninety and one half per cent, is as high as in any former year.

The attendance in the primary schools, as is to be expected, is more irregular than in those of higher grade.

In some parts of the town the practice still exists of keeping children at home a part of the term to work, and of causing them to be dismissed before the close of the sessions.

Several cases of truancy have occurred in the schools of the central part of the town, due mainly to the indifference of parents, or to their lack of authority over their children. The only legal remedy for these cases is for the truant officers to make a complaint before a court, and have the offenders committed to a truant school. This is often too harsh a measure, and makes expense for the town, which is obliged to pay for the support of its truants.

Power should be conferred upon the truant officers to take

boys when found wilfully absenting themselves from school, and to carry them forthwith to the schools to which they belong. For the discipline of confirmed truants, a county school would be a great convenience to the towns, and I recommend that this town avail itself of the provisions of the statutes to petition the county commissioners for the establishment of such a school.

During the winter term storms have been of frequent occurrence, causing the adjournment of the schools for several days.

I would suggest that some method be adopted of notifying the school children when the schools are to be closed on account of bad weather. This could be done, as in many other towns, by bringing into service the church bells and the factory whistles.

GRADES OF SCHOOLS.

High School	1
Grammar	3
Intermediate	2
Primary	5
Mixed	4
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HIGH SCHOOL.

At the close of the last school year, a class of twelve, composed of the following members, was graduated from this school. The record of their recitations and examinations showed a commendable degree of proficiency in the branches pursued.

Annie W. Edson,
 Nellie M. Edson,
 Flora A. Luzarder,
 L. Rena McLauthlin,
 Maria L. Nutter,
 Bertha Paine,

Mary F. Rogers,
 Sadie M. Scribner,
 Mary E. Worcester,
 Harry N. Keith,
 Howard G. Kingman,
 Geo. V. McLauthlin.

At the annual examination of candidates for admission to the school forty-one pupils were present. Of these only four obtained the average of seventy-five per cent required for unconditional admission. Eight others reached an average between sixty-five and seventy-five per cent, and were admitted on probation.

Although all the grammar and mixed schools were represented at this examination, the successful candidates were from the Elmwood and Central Grammar schools only.

The failure of so many pupils to pass the examination for the High School leads to the conclusion that the standard of admission is too high, or that the work of preparation in the lower schools is inadequately performed.

That the standard is too high cannot be maintained, when it is considered that not one of the common branches is finished in the lower schools, and that the completion of those branches occupies nearly the whole of the first year in the High School.

The aim should be rather to raise the standard of admission, but this can be effected only by bringing the lower schools to a higher state of efficiency.

To give better advantages to some of the older pupils who had failed to pass the examination, it was decided to form a preparatory class, to be placed in the High School, there to review the studies of the last year of the grammar course. This, it was thought, could be done without much detriment to the school, as the classes pursuing the regular course were unusually small.

The present membership of the school is as follows : —

Senior Class	5
Sub-Senior	8
Middle	3
Junior	10
Preparatory	10

Of late years, there has been a gradual falling-off in the membership of the school, until the number of pupils now pursuing the regular course is but twenty-six, the smallest yet reached.

This number, however, is as large a per cent of the whole number of pupils enrolled as is usually found in the high schools of other towns.

The appropriation for this school should be sufficient to secure the services of a competent teacher as principal, and those of an assistant, if needed. Should the membership, however, continue as small as at present, the services of an assistant might be dispensed with.

The labor of the principal could be lightened by changing the course of study. Some of the prescribed studies are of little use to the majority of the pupils. These could be made elective, thus reducing the number of daily recitations. This change should be made before the beginning of another school year, whether the school be large or small.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The Central Grammar School may be regarded as the most important of all our schools, inasmuch as more than half of all the children in town pass through it either to finish what school instruction they receive, or to prepare for admission to the High School.

For the successful government and instruction of a school of the size and character of this, the services of an experienced male teacher are required.

Under its present teacher the school is making good progress. The instruction given is rendered attractive to the pupils in both matter and manner. While the results of the methods employed here cannot be so readily measured as

those obtained by the old system of rote learning, the evidences of substantial progress in the right direction are quite apparent.

We cannot expect that a teacher of proved ability will remain long in this school at the salary now paid, which gives an average of but \$8 per week for the whole year. The salary should be raised to \$500 at least.

The Beaver Grammar School has continued throughout the year in charge of a capable teacher, and the results are most satisfactory.

The Elmwood School has suffered from a change of teachers made at the beginning of the fall term. Although the present teacher has labored faithfully, the result has not been all that was desired. The scholars deserve praise for their constant attendance. The recent examination of the first class showed a marked improvement in some of the branches.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Of these two schools, little need be said except that they have continued to do well their prescribed work, a fact well attested by the excellent examinations passed by the pupils sent from them into the Central Grammar School at the beginning of the present school year.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

In no other department of school instruction is the tendency towards correct methods more marked than in the training of children in the first steps of their course. Indeed, there would seem to be an almost complete reversal of methods.

Pupils are no longer compelled to dwell weeks, or perhaps months, on spelling, before they can read the simplest lessons, but are taught to read at sight by grasping words as a whole.

Spelling is made easy by first teaching the sounds of letters, so that hundreds of words can be formed without effort.

Instead of committing the multiplication table to memory, children acquire a knowledge of numbers by their application to objects which they can see and touch.

The slate and pencil are kept in constant use and made instrumental in teaching penmanship, drawing and language, the last of which studies was once left until the last years of the school course and then rendered dry and distasteful by the exclusive use of the text-book.

The guiding principle of a good primary teacher is not to tax the memories of her pupils in the attempt to store them with a multitude of facts, but to train them to habits of observation and reflection that they may acquire a knowledge of *principles*. The faculties of the children being thus naturally developed, school work becomes a pleasure, and rapid progress is made.

Happily the position of the primary teachers is now regarded as the most responsible of all. It cannot be filled by a tyro in the art of teaching, but its occupant must be one who has made a study of the minds of her pupils and whose scholarship embraces the whole range of common school studies.

Impressed with the conviction that any substantial improvement in our school system must be founded upon thorough training in the primary schools, I have given these schools special attention, observing carefully the methods of instruction and noting results.

My conclusion is that these schools are in a condition which speaks well for the intelligence and faithfulness of their teachers, all of whom have had a long experience.

We may congratulate ourselves that the elementary training of our children is in such good hands.

MIXED SCHOOLS.

How to make the progress of these schools commensurate with that of the graded ones is a problem very difficult of solution.

Composed of pupils of the primary, intermediate, and grammar grades, the number of classes in them is necessarily large, and the daily recitations correspondingly frequent.

Each pupil can receive but little of the personal attention of the teacher, who is forced to pass rapidly from one exercise to another, in order to accomplish her daily task. Her work in the school-room makes great demands upon her strength; but in addition to this, she must devote much of her time out of school hours to the preparation and arrangement of lessons, in order that her pupils may be kept constantly busy and no time be lost.

Experienced teachers recognize the greater labor involved in the successful management of these schools, and cannot easily be induced to take charge of them unless the pay be in proportion to the work required.

More attention should be given to the support and supervision of these schools. They should not be intrusted to the care of inferior teachers. By their location, they are necessarily debarred from some of the benefits enjoyed by the graded schools, but this should be regarded as a claim upon our efforts to give them the best advantages possible under the circumstances.

As some relief to these schools, and to give the more advanced pupils better opportunities for instruction, I would recommend that when their pupils reach the last year of the grammar course, they be given the option of attending the Central Grammar School.

In closing this review of the past year's history of our

chools, I see nothing that should discourage us in our future efforts for their advancement. A continued prosecution of those efforts in the direction already taken must be rewarded another year by a greater gain in the quality and quantity of the instruction imparted.

The great object for which the public schools are instituted should be kept steadily in mind : namely, to secure to every child such a training as will fit him for the practical duties of life. To this end the plan of studies should provide for a thorough preparation in those essentials which go to make up a good education in the *common branches*.

Let us not attempt to teach our children many things, but to make them masters of a few.

There is wisdom in the following words of Edward Everett ; though, had they been uttered by one of less authority, they would be scouted by some of the educators of the present day : —

"To read the English language well, to write with dispatch a neat and legible hand, and to be master of the first four rules of arithmetic, so as to dispose at once with accuracy of every question of figures that comes up in practice, I call this a good education ; and if you add the ability to write pure grammatical English, I regard it as an excellent education."

E. W. NUTTER,
Superintendent.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation	\$5,500 00
Received from State treasurer	199 81
“ “ county treasurer	215 62
“ “ town of West Bridgewater . . .	115 83
Amount available	<u>\$6,031 26</u>

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Wyman C. Fickett, High School	\$1,045 00
Jenny E. Chandler, High School	206 00
Florence M. Cross, High School	191 26
Ellen M. Buttomer, Central Grammar . .	182 00
Fred H. Wight, Central Grammar	232 80
Ann W. Harden, Centre Intermediate . .	316 80
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, West Intermediate .	296 00
Agnes A. Voigt, West Primary	293 60
Mattie E. Meservey, East Primary	95 10
Eva Brett, East Primary	17 50
Cora J. Ripley, East Primary	70 80
Lottie R. Edson, North Primary	111 60
Ellen M. Buttomer, North Primary	151 40
Cora J. Ripley, North Primary	28 00

Alva B. Whitney, Beaver Grammar . . .	\$316 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Beaver Grammar . . .	48 00
Lura J. Burrell, Beaver Primary . . .	263 20
Carrie B. Dennis, Elmwood Grammar . . .	35 00
Charlotte L. Voigt, Elmwood Grammar . . .	84 00
Annie S. Clifford, Elmwood Grammar . . .	194 00
Agnes I. Watson, Elmwood Primary . . .	133 00
Fannie M. Gurney, Elmwood Primary . . .	135 80
Agnes K. Littlefield, Eastville . . .	199 40
Hattie H. Spofford, Eastville . . .	54 40
Mary Worcester, Eastville . . .	18 00
Lydia J. Chamberlain, Northville . . .	119 00
Charlotte B. Harden, Northville . . .	27 20
Caroline O. Nutter, Northville . . .	62 40
Gertrude A. Fuller, Northville . . .	76 00
Bertha I. Mason, Curtisville . . .	263 20
Mary J. Whitmarsh, Satucket . . .	42 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Satucket . . .	221 20
Town of South Abington . . .	8 45
Total	<hr/> \$5,538 11

The school year begins in September, so that the above sums cover a part of the last school year.

CARE OF HOUSES.

Wyman C. Fickett	\$20 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett	70 75
Charles Porter	4 00
Mattie L. Meservey	3 00
Cora J. Ripley	3 00
Lottie R. Edson	6 00
Owen Maguire, Jr.	3 00
Mrs. M. Hennessey	24 67

James K. Brett	\$9 00
Albert B. Edson	9 00
Alice M. Whitman	14 00
Manly Whitman	4 00
Florence Dunbar	6 00
Fred Soper	3 00
Charles W. Waterman	3 00
Bertha I. Mason	6 00
Alonzo Pratt	6 00
Lydia J. Chamberlain	3 00
Ira F. Porter	3 00
Arthur C. Churchill	3 00
Frank Donelly	2 75
Nellie C. Wade	3 00
Elijah Bird	3 00
Cora Bird	3 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	12 57
Mrs. Chandler Hodgson, "	3 00
Mrs. Mary Evans, "	6 00
Mrs. M. Hennessey, "	2 63
Mrs. Geo. Sites, "	6 50
Bertha I. Mason, "	2 50
Mrs. Walter Hathaway, "	4 00
Mrs. Eliza Wade, "	3 00
Total	<hr/> \$255 37

FUEL.

John Hobart, coal	\$14 25
A. L. Alger, "	257 86
Joshua Dean, "	14 00
Herbert C. Keith, wood and labor	54 62
David W. Gurney, wood	12 00
Joseph E. Bisbee, "	5 65

Jehuil B. Harden, wood	\$4 00
Joseph T. Hathaway, wood	2 00
Noah A. Washburn, wood	2 00
J. W. Richards, kindling, etc.	3 30
Edwin Ford, shavings	1 50
Ira F. Porter, labor	1 00
Eliphalet Davenport, labor	1 95
Ernest Lindsay, labor	6 00
Elmer Whitman, labor	2 00
Frank Donnelly, labor	2 00
Martin Sumner, labor	5 00
Levi W. Noyes, labor	4 80
Total	<u>\$393 93</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes . . .	\$6,031 26
Paid for teaching	\$5,538 11
Paid for care of houses	255 37
Paid for fuel	393 93
	<u>\$6,187 41</u>

Excess of expenditures 156 15

\$6,187 41

INCIDENTALS.

E. W. Nutter, paid for advertising, etc. . .	\$2 47
L. J. Voigt, filling diplomas	2 00
Boston Journal, advertising for teachers . .	6 88
Hall & Whiting, ink, etc.	5 75
J. M. Whitman, cleaning clock, etc. . . .	2 15
Isadus Fuller, bookcase	9 25
Alfred Griffin, teams	20 00
Daniel Hines, chairs, etc.	12 40
E. W. Nutter, taking school census . . .	15 00

C. W. Clark, gong bell	\$3 25
C. E. House, letter file	2 25
Winkley, Thorp & Dresser, crayons, etc.	12 50
F. E. Stuart, settees	23 20
J. H. Potter, cleaning clock	1 00
O. C. Railroad Co., freight	1 92
Alger & Co., express	8 05
Hopkinson & Marden, mats, etc.	15 30
I. N. Nutter, books, etc.	41 56
William Allen, cabinet	10 00
Gammons & Nutter, brooms, etc.	14 15
John Eastman, grading	4 50
J. B. Harden, grading, etc.	4 00
Edwin Hayward, cleaning wells	3 00
Ezra Kingman, grading, etc.	10 50
E. W. Nutter, books, etc.	32 99
J. Burrell, printing	18 55
Isadus Fuller, labor	2 50
J. E. Davenport, labor	2 00
J. L. Hammett, paper	2 25
Total	<hr/> \$289 37
Unexpended balance	10 63
Appropriation	<hr/> \$300 00

BOOKS AND MATERIALS.

Wm. Ware & Co., readers	\$18 58
E. W. Nutter, readers	8 00
J. Burrill, table and blocks	3 00
Harlow Harden, tables	19 50
Total	<hr/> \$49 08
Unexpended balance	92
Appropriation	<hr/> \$50 00

REPAIRS.

J. L. Seaver, outbuildings, etc., N. Primary .	\$140 42
M. S. Curtis, painting, N. Primary . . .	75 20
S. L. Seaver, repairs, E. Primary . . .	17 51
M. S. Curtis, painting, E. Primary . . .	25 20
S. L. Seaver, fence, W. Primary	61 23
M. S. Curtis, painting fence, etc., W. Primary,	40 50
S. L. Seaver, outbuildings and shingling,	
Northville	84 92
G. C. Allen, shingles, etc., Northville . .	39 20
M. S. Curtis, painting, Northville . . .	38 11
J. M. Whiting, vault	10 25
S. L. Seaver, outbuildings, etc., Elmwood .	153 00
R. T. Brett, vault, Elmwood	19 25
M. S. Curtis, painting, Elmwood	9 63
M. S. Curtis, painting walls, H. S. Building .	56 68
Charles Hatch, digging well, etc.	66 55
Gammons & Nutter, stoves, pumps, etc. . .	105 97
J. L. Hammett, slating	21 00
G. C. Allen, cement	11 45
S. L. Seaver, labor	29 65
M. S. Curtis, labor	7 98
S. R. Newhall, labor	14 42
R. T. Brett, labor	1 75
Daniel Geary, labor	2 00
J. M. Whiting, labor, etc.	21 98
Harlow Harden, labor, etc.	7 86

 \$1,061 71

From this amount should be deducted the estimated value of the furnace, which by an arrangement with the Overseers of the Poor, was taken from the High School building for use at the almshouse

\$75 00

Amount expended \$986 71

Unexpended balance 113 29

Appropriation \$1,100 00

In addition to the above an order was drawn to pay insurance on the High School building, to the amount of

\$60 00

Amount available for all school purposes . . . \$7,481 26

Excess of expenditures 91 31

Total amount of expenditures \$7,572 57

For the School Committee,

E. W. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

EAST BRIDGEWATER,

FROM

FEB. 1 TO DEC. 31, 1884.

ELEVEN MONTHS.

BY VOTE OF THE TOWN THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDS DEC. 31.



BOSTON:

ALFRED MUDGE & SON, PRINTERS,
No. 24 FRANKLIN STREET.

1885.

TOWN OFFICERS, 1884.

Town Clerk.

FRANK SMITH.

Treasurer.

ISAAC N. NUTTER.

Collector.

FRANK SMITH.

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

HENRY GURNEY.

ELIAB LATHAM.

GEORGE M. KEITH.

Auditors.

ROBERT YOUNG.

N. FRANK DUNPHE. HERBERT L. WATERMAN.

School Committee.

EDMUND W. NUTTER.

PERLEY M. GRIFFIN.

EZRA KINGMAN.

Constables.

FRANKLIN W. FRENCH.

CHARLES L. JONES.

EDWARD E. EDSON.

T. S. H. ROUNSEVILLE.

SAMUEL LUZARDER.

BENJAMIN SIDDALL.

Road Commissioners.

SAMUEL KEITH.

MARK P. HUDSON.

JOHN LANE.

Fence Viewers.

A. HARRIS LATHAM.

HENRY GURNEY.

Measurers of Wood.

HARRISON W. WHITE.

H. L. WATERMAN.

Weighers of Coal.

SAMUEL E. KEITH.

GEORGE ALLEN.

WILLIAM O. SHELDON.

H. L. WATERMAN.

Surveyor of Lumber.

SAMUEL L. SEAVER.

Scaler of Weights and Measures.

ROBERT YOUNG.

Sexton.

MELVIN L. WEBBER.

Special Police.

JOHN S. SOPER.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1884.

For support of schools . . .	\$5,600 00	
School incidentals . . .	300 00	
Repairs of Elmwood Schoolhouse	350 00	
Repairs of other school property	300 00	
School books	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,900 00
Highways	\$3,000 00	
Bridges and culverts . .	500 00	
Sidewalks	500 00	
Removal of snow . . .	200 00	
	<hr/>	4,200 00
Town officers and committees .	\$1,200 00	
Support of poor . . .	3,000 00	
Suppression of crime . .	200 00	
Decoration of soldiers' graves .	100 00	
Abatement of taxes . . .	125 00	
Incidental expenses . . .	600 00	
Public library	500 00	
	<hr/>	5,725 00
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		\$16,825 00

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

EXPENDITURES.

MILITARY AID, CHAP. 301.

Paid Jane R. Bancroft . . .	\$44 00	
Harriet B. Bates . . .	44 00	
Sarah B. Gould . . .	44 00	
Betsey A. Hale . . .	44 00	
Lydia A. Hale . . .	12 00	
Mary Hudson . . .	44 00	
Sarah C. Hudson . . .	44 00	
Mary S. Ripley . . .	44 00	
Hannah R. Stanley . . .	28 00	
Thankful O. Trow . . .	44 00	
Caroline Williams . . .	44 00	
Bradford Little . . .	6 00	
		\$442 00
Due from State		\$442 00

CHAP. 252.

Paid Ferender C. Negus . . .	\$28 00
William S: Sampson . . .	34 00

Paid Selden M. Washburn . . .	\$66 00	
Joseph M. Whitman . . .	40 00	
Charles Wright . . .	124 00	
	<hr/>	\$292 00
One half due from State . . .	\$146 00	
Paid by South Abington . . .	10 13	
	<hr/>	156 13
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No appropriation.		\$135 87

MILITARY BOUNTIES.

Paid James G. Johnson . . .	\$125 00	
George A. Edson . . .	125 00	
William H. French . . .	125 00	
Henry A. Osborne . . .	125 00	
James H. Sampson . . .	125 00	
Lydia A. Magoon . . .	125 00	
C. H. and F. W. McCarter . . .	125 00	
Rachel Underwood . . .	125 00	
Elihu T. Ellis . . .	125 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,125 00
One fifteenth paid by South Abington . . .		\$75 00
Voted to be paid from money in treasury . . .		\$1,075 00

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Minot S. Curtis, quartermaster, Post 124	
G. A. R.	\$100 00
Appropriation	\$100 00

SUPPRESSION OF CRIME.

Paid T. S. H. Rounseville, police	
duty	\$5 00
Charles L. Jones, police duty,	3 00

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Paid Edward E. Edson, police duty	\$2 00	
Franklin W. French, " "	1 00	
Benjamin Siddall, " "	90 00	
Wm. H. Osborne, counsel .	35 63	
	<hr/>	\$136 63
Appropriation		200 00
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Unexpended		\$63 37

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

We have drawn orders on bills approved by the Committee, amounting to . . .	\$463 23
Appropriation	500 00
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Unexpended	\$36 77

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid E. S. Whitmarsh, auditor, 1883 . .	\$10 00
G. C. Allen, " " . .	5 00
I. N. Keith, " " . .	5 00
H. L. Waterman, " 1884 . .	5 00
R. A. Littlefield, " " . .	5 00
N. F. Dunphe, " " . .	5 00
L. W. Richards, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor].	39 75
James S. Allen, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor	6 25
Eliab Latham, selectman, as- sessor, and overseer of poor .	\$79 00
Eliab Latham, horse and rail- road fare	9 00
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	88 00

Paid George M. Keith, moderator .	\$5 00	
George M. Keith, selectman, as-		
essor, and overseer of poor .	52 00	
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Henry Gurney, selectman, as-		
essor, and overseer of poor .	\$178 75	
Henry Gurney, horse and rail-		
road fare	16 13	
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Melvin L. Webber, teams for		
school committee	\$19 75	
Alfred Griffin, teams for school		
committee	29 75	
Ezra Kingman, teams for		
school committee	7 75	
	<hr/>	57 25
Ezra Kingman, school committee		53 00
P. M. Griffin, school committee		68 75
E. W. Nutter, school commit-		
tee	\$30 00	
E. W. Nutter, supt. of schools	253 33	
E. W. Nutter, building com-		
mittee	10 00	
	<hr/>	293 33
F. S. Strong, building com-		
mittee		7 00
I. N. Nutter, treasurer		100 00
M. L. Webber, sexton		30 00
Benjamin Siddall, constable		12 00
C. L. Jones, "		3 00
R. O. Harris, registrar		12 50
Amos Hunting, "		10 00
E. S. Whitmarsh, "		12 50

Paid Frank Smith, registrar . . .	\$24 90	
Frank Smith, town clerk . . .	69 00	
Frank Smith, collector . . .	141 00	
	<hr/>	\$234 90
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		\$1,315 61
Appropriation		1,200 00
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Overdrawn		\$115 61

HIGHWAY BRIDGES, ETC.

Paid Samuel Keith, road commissioner . . .	\$3,785 05
Appropriation	4,200 00
Unexpended :	414 95

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid Alfred Mudge & Son, printing report . . .	\$109 00
T. S. H. Rounseville, dinners, county commissioners	2 10
Gammons & Nutter, keys	50
S. L. Seaver, repairing record case, etc. . .	60
M. S. Curtis, painting " "	7 39
J. S. Allen, record book, and advertising . . .	13 88
Geo. M. Keith, advertising	6 50
H. C. Keith, plank	3 50
B. W. Keith, postal cards	11 00
J. Burrell, printing	8 55
Town of South Abington, tax	22 83
Alger's Express	2 05
I. N. Nutter, stationery, postage, etc. . .	8 46
I. N. Nutter, office rent	45 83
E. S. Davenport, work on cemetery	1 50
Wm. H. Tobey, return of deaths	75.

Paid Loring Holbrook, returns of deaths	\$3 00
McCann Bros., " " "	75
C. W. Siddall, repairs	2 30
H. Gurney, postage and stationery :	5 57
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	\$256 06
Appropriation	600 00
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Unexpended	\$343 94

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE AT BEAVER.

We have paid as approved by the Building Committee as follows : —

Waldo Hayward	\$125 00	
John M. Whiting	178 72	
A. A. Dunbar	74 80	
E. S. Whitmarsh	5 75	
George S. Young	2 50	
Francis Hayward	128 13	
Jeremiah Mahoney	8 25	
Thomas Keith	4 25	
A. S. Lyon	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,527 40
Hired by Town Treasurer	\$1,527 40	

SECURITY AGAINST FIRE.

In carrying out the vote of the town in regard to wells, we unexpectedly struck a ledge of rock in the Elmwood well which has increased the cost of that well many times above the estimate. It is over thirty feet deep, and although not what we wished, there is a good supply of water.

We think the well at the village will furnish all the water required.

The granite troughs placed at the wells are first-class. After hearing the criticisms in regard to the troughs placed on Plymouth Street, where we were compelled on account of means to get cheap ones or none, we preferred to get those about which there could be no question.

On account of expending so much more than we intended, it was thought best to get pumps of a cheaper kind, but they are not altogether satisfactory.

We have placed a street light at the well in the village, and also one near the Hook and Ladder house. Forty-eight rubber buckets were procured, forty of these are at Elmwood and eight at the village; also two axes at each place. As there was no available place to put a hook and ladder truck, or to house ladders, we have not purchased any.

If you see fit to make an appropriation for that purpose, a house can be built and a truck procured.

Cost of Elmwood well, trough, and pump	.	\$349 30
“ Village “ “ “	.	334 21
Buckets, lights, etc.	. . . . .	77 57
Total	. . . . .	<hr/>\$761 08

The payments are as follows: —

F. M. Fisher	. . . . .	\$70 00
Charles E. Planch	. . . . .	8 25
John Curley	. . . . .	33 75
George L. Chamberlain	. . . . .	88 50
Henry Gurney	. . . . .	148 75
James B. Grover	. . . . .	13 50
G. C. Allen	. . . . .	9 41
J. E. Noyes	. . . . .	6 25
Alfred Griffin	. . . . .	2 25
David Tower	. . . . .	3 00

Tim Murphy	\$2 25
M. Hooper & Co.	51 00
J. M. Loncraft	14 40
G. A. Goodwin	2 50
F. H. Snow	150 00
Carver Cotton Gin Company	5 50
American Rubber Company	60 00
Jones, McDuffee & Stratton	11 50
H. R. Mallory	2 02
C. H. Jones & Co.	2 00
Wm. F. Keene	3 88
Rogers & Sheldon	38 50
L. F. Gammons	26 80
J. Breck & Sons	3 92
Alger's Express	1 15
S. L. Seaver	2 00
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	\$761 08
Borrowed by treasurer	\$759 08
Paid from treasury	2 00
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	\$761 08

TRUST FUNDS.

LATHAM FUND.

William Latham, Esq., deposited in the East Bridgewater Savings Bank, April, 1877, \$500 ; the interest to be used by the selectmen for care of drinking fountains and shade trees upon Plymouth Street. Expended prior to Feb. 1, 1884, \$95.65.

Expended in 1884, as follows : —

Paid F. H. Snow, two granite troughs	\$75 00
H. Gurney, carting same	5 00

Paid F. L. Gammons, pump	\$8 05
Isaac Keith, repairing pump, etc.	6 50
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	\$94 55
Present amount of fund	\$509 89

ALDEN FUND.

The Reverend Lucius Alden left to the town of East Bridgewater the following bequest: —

"I give and bequeath to the inhabitants of the town of East Bridgewater, the place of my nativity and early education, a tract of woodland containing about one hundred acres, more or less, . . . in trust, nevertheless, for the purpose of aiding with a supply of fuel, needy and deserving persons, inhabitants of said town for the time being, and not legally paupers; under a Divine Providence in circumstances rendering charitable aid desirable and necessary. Said bequest to be under the supervision and care of the selectmen of said town for the time being; who shall use their judgment and discretion in dispensing aid to applicants for the benefit of said bequest, the quantity of fuel taken from the premises from time to time not to exceed, by a fair estimate, the increase of wood on the premises by growth."

In executing the above trust we have sold the wood standing on about fifteen acres of the said land at public auction for the sum of \$1,431 50

EXPENSE OF SALE.

Paid W. P. Corthell, running lines	\$5 00
H. Gurney, " "	6 25
E. Latham, " "	4 50
E. Bridgman, printing	1 50
T. E. Gifford, auctioneer	5 00
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	\$22 25

We hold notes of purchasers on interest for	\$1,094 50
Cash received	337 00

The purchase money will form a fund, the income of which may be used under the direction of the selectmen, in carrying out the provisions of the trust.

Richard S. Higgins has applied for aid under the above provisions, and has been aided to the amount of \$11.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN.

State aid, Chap. 301	\$442 00
“ “ “ 252	292 00
Military bounties	1,125 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves	100 00
Suppression of crime	136 63
Public Library	463 23
Town officers and committees	1,315 61
Highways, bridges, etc.	3,785 05
Incidental expenses	256 06
New schoolhouse	1,527 60
Security against fire	761 08
Abatement of taxes	138 24
Almshouse	1,430 90
Poor out of almshouse	1,895 23
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	\$13,668 43

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

The account with the estate of James Brown remains as at last report.

Bailey W. Geary claims damage for injuries said to have

been received for want of a railing upon the Thatcher Road, so called, in August last.

The treasurer hired, by vote of the town, to pay
upon the new schoolhouse and security
against fire \$2,286 48

ASSETS.

Due from State, State aid paid, Chap. 301	\$442 00
“ “ “ . “ Chap. 252	146 00
“ “ collector	14 53
Cash in treasury	2,165 55
Due from Marlboro, aid Marcus Temple	1 00

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT.

VALUATION FOR 1884.

Personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	\$435,100 00
Real estate	.	.	.	.	.	1,052,940 00
Total	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$1,488,040 00</u>

Rate of taxation, \$11.50 per \$1,000.

Polls, \$1.00 State ; \$1.00 county ; \$2.00 each.

State tax	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,860 00
County tax	.	.	.	.	.	1,497 33
Town grant	.	.	.	.	.	16,825 00
Overlay	.	.	.	.	.	530 13
						<u>\$20,712 46</u>
Deduct 800 polls, \$2.00 each.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,600 00
Estimates from State	.	.	.	.	.	2,000 00
						<u>3,600 00</u>

Tax on estates	.	.	.	.	.	\$17,112 46
Tax on \$1,488,040.00 at \$11.50	.	.	.	.	.	17,112 46
“ “ eight hundred polls, at \$2.00	.	.	.	.	.	1,600 00
Subsequently assessed on real estate	.	.	.	.	.	4 60
“ “ “ 14 polls .	.	.	.	.	.	28 00
Gain by fractions	.	.	.	.	.	1 71
Total commitment	.	.	.	.	.	<u>18,746 77</u>

Dwellings taxed, 594.

Horses taxed, 364.

Cows taxed, 323.

Sheep taxed, 18.

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Frank Smith, collector tax 1883	\$4 00	
Lucy A. Farmer, excess	5 35	
E. S. Fletcher, not taxable	9 20	
Bathshuar Keith, heirs of, not taxable	4 60	
Mt. Hope Iron Company, over-tax	5 15	
H. L. Waterman, not taxable	92	
F. O. Keith, not taxable	92	
A. S. Brett, paid in Yarmouth	2 00	
Wm. V. West, not taxable	8 05	
Frank Smith, collector tax 1884	97 45	
	<hr/>	\$138 24
Appropriation		125 00
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Overdrawn		\$13 24

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

John Shepherd, unable to pay tax, 1883	\$2 00
Albert Bates, " " " "	2 00
Lewis D. Bates, Jr., left town, tax 1884	2 81
Calvin Chamberlain, left town	2 00
John Connelly, unable to pay	2 00
Michael Coedy, residence unknown	2 00
Stetson Chandler, unable to pay	2 00
William M. Dow, left town	2 46
Presley Foster, residence unknown	2 00
Alonzo S. Hathaway, unable to pay	2 00
David S. Gurney, unable to pay	14 08
Charles W. Howes, unknown	2 00
Frank Hudson, left town	2 00
Christopher Monahan, left town	2 00

Henry G. McWilliams, residence unknown .	\$2 00
John Marley, " " .	2 00
John D. Mason, heirs of, unable to pay . .	9 20
George Ramsey, unknown	2 00
Carl J. Johnson, unknown	2 00
Ernest W. Lindsey, left town	3 15
Eben Lothrop, "	2 00
John T. Reardon, residence unknown . .	2 00
Michael Reardon, deceased	2 00
Cornelius Stahan, unknown	2 00
Joseph Shaw, heirs of, unable to pay . .	5 29
James Sheey, unknown	2 00
Frederick Timms, left town	2 00
Arthur Tillinghast, residence unknown . .	2 00
Loring S. Turner, taxed in Brockton . .	2 00
Isaac F. Wade, unable to pay	2 00
Joseph M. Whitman, " "	2 00
Leonard F. Barry, not taxable	2 00
Marcellus Boynton, residence unknown . .	2 00
William F. Farrington, residence in Maine .	2 00
Daniel Hines, taxed in South Abington . .	2 00
Henry C. Macauley, left town	2 00
Bethuel Adams, paid in Wareham	2 00
Charles E. Jordan, paid in Boston	2 00
Maurice Carroll, excess	46
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	\$101 45

DEPARTMENTS OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Amos Hunting, supplies	\$261 54
G. C. Allen, grain	188 66
H. W. Sears, warden	425 00
Dr. A. Millet, physician	50 00
A. L. Alger, coal	95 62
John Hobart, coal	14 58
E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr., clothing . .	25 75
Benjamin Ward, meat	47 03
Gammons & Nutter	40 65
L. F. Gammons	12 73
I. N. Nutter	23 84
Cash for use of house	50 00
“ “ oxen	130 00
“ “ horse	50 00
L. Holbrook & Son, coffin, etc. . .	12 00
Burial of Susanna Hayden	3 50
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	\$1,430 90
Less cash paid treasurer	120 00
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	\$1,310 90

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT.

1884.	<i>Dr.</i>	
Cash on hand Feb. 1	\$7 29	
Hay sold	88 84	

Stock sold	\$229 15
Produce sold	35 39
Labor	177 57
Cash from treasurer	\$230 00
Less cash paid in	120 00
	<hr/> 110 00

\$648 24

1884.

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Paid for labor	\$212 00
“ stock	202 50
“ meat and fish	85 72
“ repairs and tools	59 50
“ clothing	14 70
“ ice	6 20
“ baker	6 33
“ sundries	16 53
“ hired help	7 47
Cash on hand	37 29
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\$648 24

Total number of inmates during the year	8
Present number	7
Average number	6.42
Tramps lodged and fed	40
Average cost per week	\$4.20+

POOR OUT OF HOUSE.

Paid Town of Duxbury, aid to Edna F. Wade, 1883	\$25 00
“ “ South Abington, aid to Asa W. Whitman, 1883	1 00
“ “ Hanson, aid to E. Worthington,	14 00
“ “ Abington, aid to Abbie Rumsey,	62 00
City “ Brockton, aid to Mrs. A. L. Soule,	3 00
“ “ Lowell, aid to Catharine Quinn,	25 50

Paid City of Lynn, aid to Conner's children .	\$157 25
Town of Natick, aid to Hatch family .	209 44
“ “ Weymouth, aid to	
O'Brien Quigley \$40 40	
Amos Hunting, aid to O'Brien	
Quigley 35 00	
I. N. Nutter, aid to O'Brien	
Quigley 6 25	
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	81 65
Mrs. A. A. Harding, aid for	
child \$28 00	
Mrs. N. G. Bates, board for	
child 16 00	
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	44 00
G. C. Allen, aid to J. M. Whit-	
man 1 00	
N. K. Richardson, board of Mrs. Sally	
Packard 96 00	
Joshua Dean, coal for Mrs. Dugan . .	9 75
W. H. Jefferson, wood, for Mrs.	
H. A. Washburn . . \$1 00	
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. H.	
A. Washburn 18 71	
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	19 71
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. W. U. Brett	
and family 120 00	
Amos Hunting, aid to Mrs. S. R. Frost and	
family 105 01	
Amos Hunting, aid to J. H. Chadwick .	60 07
Amos Hunting aid to Mrs.	
Cummings \$7 44	
H. Gurney, wood for Mrs.	
Cummings 12 25	

Paid M. Sumner, sawing wood, Mrs.		
Cummings	\$3 75	
G. W. Merrill, meat for Mrs.		
Cummings	2 48	
	<hr/>	\$25 92
J. S. Allen, aid for Mrs. J. L.		
Coulter	\$18 00	
Geo. M. Keith, aid for Mrs. J.		
L. Coulter	16 50	
Hiram Wade, aid for Mrs. J.		
L. Coulter	32 00	
S. M. Brewster, aid for Mrs. J.		
L. Coulter	7 75	
G. H. Jameson, aid for Mrs. J.		
L. Coulter	1 25	
Beals & Wilder, aid for Mrs. J.		
L. Coulter	95	
G. N. Holmes & Co., aid for		
Mrs. J. L. Coulter	2 25	
City of Brockton, aid for Mrs.		
J. L. Coulter	3 75	
	<hr/>	82 45

TAUNTON LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

Support of Nathaniel S. Bouldry	181 45
" " Robert Washburn	89 99
" " Clara Washburn	188 94
" " Catharine Rogers	139 73
" " Mehitabel Milliken	105 32
Dr. Millet, aid to Miss Ruth Torrey, belongs to	
South Abington	3 00
E. W. Noyes, aid to Mrs. Baker and children,	
belong to Rochester	18 55

S. D. Shaw, aid to Marcus Temple,	\$22 00	
S. Harlow, aid to Marcus Temple,	2 50	
J. W. Richards, aid to Marcus Temple, belongs to Marlboro . . .	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 50
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		\$1,895 23

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Received of Dr. Millet, guardian of Mrs. Milliken	\$105 32	
“ of town of Bridgewater, 1883	1 82	
“ of town of Rochester, 1883 and 1884	41 16	
Received of town of South Abington .	3 00	
“ “ “ Marlboro	24 50	
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Net expenses out of house		\$1,719 43
Due from Marlboro	\$1 00	
Net expenses at almshouse		1,310 90
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		\$3,030 33
Appropriation		3,000 00
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Overdrawn		\$30 33

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

Overseers of the Poor:

GENTLEMEN, — It becomes my duty again to express to you my opinion of the poor; and perhaps, to suggest anything that may be done to improve their condition, and render the almshouse better adapted to the wants of those who through disease, or feebleness of body or mind, are compelled to reside there.

We have now in the almshouse, three men and four women. Two of the men, Mr. Eaton and Mr. Wright, have been there for years, and are growing more feeble and demand more care. The other man, Robert Washburn, who was taken from the Taunton Lunatic Hospital, is for the most part quiet and easily managed. But at times he is boisterous and has to be confined to his room.

The constant presence of the old inmates, one of whom is always complaining, and constantly trying to have an altercation with some one, acts unfavorably upon Robert, and prevents the chance he might have for improvement under better circumstances.

The females in the house are the same as last year, with the addition of Mrs. Cummings who was admitted last summer, being too feeble to support herself any longer. Since she came to the almshouse she has improved in health and is now of some use in helping to care for others. Mrs. Dunn is in good bodily health and works constantly in the kitchen. The other two are in nearly the same condition as last year. There is little hope of any improvement for them.

One other inmate we have had for a short time the past summer, Mr. George Jenkins, who came April 20, and left Aug. 16, since which time we have no report of his residence.

In the Taunton Lunatic Asylum we have, at present, three persons: Nathaniel Bouldry, Mrs. Catharine Rogers, and Clara Washburn.

Mr. Bouldry has long been an inmate there, and is for the greater part of the time quiet and manageable and able to do a good deal of work. Were we better situated at the almshouse, — if we had fewer insane, and proper means to restrain any who might be occasionally unruly, — Mr. Bouldry might be kept here with as much comfort to himself and perhaps less expense to the town.

Mrs. Rogers and Miss Washburn are too violent to be cared for in any place except a hospital, for the present; and I can see but little hope for them in the future.

We need at the almshouse one or two strong rooms where an insane person could be locked up and kept with safety during a season of unusual excitement, to which all are more or less subject. Our lock-up is not a suitable place for such use. Such rooms should be as comfortable as any in the house, without the character of a lock-up. There are some other conveniences which have before been recommended which I hope you will not overlook.

I cannot close this report about the poor without expressing my appreciation of the constant and faithful labors of the warden and matron. Few persons who have not seen, can appreciate the untiring care and toil that such a position demands. And in this case I can say, without fear of any counter report, that I have never for one moment seen any disposition on the part of the present warden and matron to avoid labor, or evade the responsibilities of their position.

Respectfully submitted,

ASA MILLET.

LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE
SELECTMEN.

Granville C. Allen.	Nathan M. Pool.
Irving Bates.	F. Wilson Porter.
Wellington Caldwell.	David Pratt.
Jarvis Burrel.	William B. Ripley.
Edward E. Edson.	Ezra F. Sampson.
Henry Edson.	Kimball E. Sheldon.
William Edson.	George E. Skillings.
Luther Harden.	William H. Taylor.
Francis Hayward.	Charles Thrasher.
Abbott T. Hewett.	Benjamin Ward.
George B. Howland.	Samuel C. White.
Samuel Keith.	John M. Whiting.
Simeon C. Keith.	Eleazer Whitman.
George T. Mitchell.	Ebenezer Whitmarsh.
Isaac N. Nutter.	Charles W. Wixon.
Howard Paine.	George A. Wright.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

HENRY GURNEY,
ELIAB LATHAM,
GEORGE M. KEITH,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

PLYMOUTH, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of East Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of East Bridgewater, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Monday the ninth day of March next, at 1 P. M., then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Sects. 64 to 69 of Chap. 27 of Public Statutes, in regard to selectmen.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers.

ART. 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be required to pay all town charges.

ART. 6. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to hire money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 7. To adopt some method for the collection of taxes.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize their collector of taxes to use all means for the collection of taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

ART. 9. To act on a list of jurors proposed by the selectmen.

ART. 10. To see if the town will build a hook and ladder house at Elmwood, and purchase additional apparatus.

ART. 11. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

ART. 12. To see if the town will authorize their treasurer to sell and convey the land formerly belonging to the East Primary School District to the East Bridgewater Cemetery Association.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take in relation to the claim of Bailey W. Geary for damage sustained by him upon the Thatcher road (so called).

ART. 14. To act upon any business which may come before them.

ART. 15. To see if the town will build a lock-up (by request).

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up a copy thereof at the post-offices, and also at each of the meeting-houses in said town, seven days at least before the time for holding the aforesaid meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the town clerk of said East Bridgewater, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five.

HENRY GURNEY,

ELIAB LATHAM,

GEORGE M. KEITH,

Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

Paid the following persons for labor and material on highway :—

Pat Burmingham	\$21 00
C. E. Brown	62 49
Carlton Bouldry	4 95
W. L. Benson	61 25
John E. Brown	6 00
C. H. Brown	6 20
Tim Burdeau	9 15
East Bridgewater Iron Company	6 10
Lucius Bonney	4 50
Freeman Cushman	8 20
John Cook	21 15
Edmund Campbell	61 25
E. L. Clark	230 17
Dennis Curran	86 40
Geo. L. Chamberlain	106 40
John Curley	24 00
John Cummings	32 40
C. W. Siddell	3 40
George H. Drisland	23 25
Eliphlet S. Davenport	2 63
Joshua Dean	1 00
Daniel Desmond	149 32
Patrick Drisland	21 00
John S. Eastman	1 50
Isadas Fuller	24 03

Michael Feeney	\$3 75
Michael Fitzgerald	10 95
George L. French	16 63
E. T. Fuller	50
Frank M. Fisher	2 25
D. W. Gurney	199 55
Parker & Gannett	13 05
D. H. Gurney	12 00
Waldo Hayward	17 26
W. W. Hersey	1 50
Jehiel B. Harding	53 25
Reuben Harding	60 43
Francis Hayward.	124 69
Mount Hope Iron Company	1 20
George S. Harlow	18 00
Luther Harding	24 00
Mark P. Hudson	142 00
A. E. Howe	16 12
Walter V. Judkins	11 25
Herbert C. Keith	170 32
M. M. Keith	11 25
Fred L. Keith	9 13
Nahum Keith	3 75
Sam'l Keith	166 05
W. F. Keene	4 00
Wm. Keene	7 50
Eliab Latham	160 76
A. W. Leach	14 10
Galan Latham	22 30
Charles W. Lincoln	6 00
Timothy Murphy	61 49
Christopher Monohan	33 00
James McAnough	27 85

I. N. Nutter	\$5 80
J. E. Noyes	2 00
James Ohearn	6 00
Martin Parris	10 50
L. Pratt	3 75
Geo. H. Pratt, Jr.	3 75
Oliver Pratt	14 78
T. P. Randall	2 25
David Roach	31 50
Justin W. Richards	3 60
Pat Quigley	10 50
James Shaw	4 20
Tim Reed	3 00
Jabez Sturtevant	21 00
Joshua Sturtevant	2 50
E. F. Sampson	13 80
Henry W. Sears	102 30
Martin Sumner	14 85
Oliver M. Sharp	6 00
Nat Perkins	9 07
David Tower	53 32
Allen Washburn	5 80
Calvin S. Whitman.	23 10
Melzer Waterman	124 10
Simeon G. Whitmarsh	2 50
Wm. L. Wadsworth	5 75
Ebenezer Whitmarsh	40 50
Orace Washburn	3 75

\$2,933 59

Paid the following persons for labor and material on bridges : —

G. C. Allen	\$129 51
George L. Chamberlain	41 00
Samuel Keith	23 00
D. W. Gurney	61 35
Dan Desmond	15 75
Mark P. Hudson	44 25
T. Hobart	4 50
H. Brett	1 50
E. Whitmarsh	1 50
F. J. Johnson	6 00
C. Monahan	9 00
H. M. Keith	17 00
E. Campbell	1 50
O. C. R. R. Co.	2 85
S. L. Seaver	1 25
C. W. Siddell	1 80
F. M. Fisher	11 00
John Keough	6 75
J. Hollis	9 00
C. E. Hooper	8 00
M. Waterman	3 00
Gammons & Nutter	4 30
Dana F. Edson	5 50
E. L. Clark	2 25
M. Day	10 36
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	\$421 92

Paid the following persons for labor and material on side-walks : —

D. W. Gurney	\$49 30
Mark P. Hudson	53 00

George L. Chamberlain	\$23 00
Dan Desmond	25 50
Melzer Waterman	21 75
Dennis Curran	9 00
C. Monahan	16 50
Reuben Harding	6 00
Eliab Latham	20 20
Martin Sumner	3 30
H. C. Keith	6 75
Edmund Campbell	3 75
Jehiel B. Harding	7 50
Tim Murphy	3 00
John Kenough	12 00
F. M. Fisher	4 50
Jabez Sturtevant	3 00
James B. Grover	2 25
John Curley	3 00
E. Whitmarsh	2 25
Luther Harding	6 00
Charles E. Brown	4 50
John E. Brown	4 50
John Brown	4 50
Oliver M. Sharp	4 50
E. L. Clark	14 35
Galan Latham	3 50
David Tower	8 77
I. N. Nutter	5 70
David Roach	2 40
Joshua Sturtevant	3 00
Samuel Keith	12 00

\$349 27

Paid the following persons for clearing highways and sidewalks of snow : —

Ebenezer Whitmarsh	\$7 60
Edward Hayward	50
E. T. Fuller	2 00
O. Washburn	80
Francis Hayward	1 00
S. L. Seaver	1 25
Freeman Cushman	40
Mark P. Hudson	1 50
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	\$15 05

GUIDE-BOARDS

Paid the following persons for repairing old and making new guide-boards, and replacing the same : —

S. L. Seaver	\$3 69
Gammons & Nutter	4 53
Minot S. Curtis	40 00
C. W. Siddell	50
Mark P. Hudson	16 50
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	\$65 22
Amount paid on account of highways . . .	\$2,933 59
“ “ “ bridges . . .	421 92
“ “ “ sidewalks . . .	349 27
“ “ “ snow . . .	15 05
“ “ “ guide.boards . . .	65 22
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	\$3,785 05
Received selectmen's orders to amount of .	\$3,785 05

SAM'L KEITH,
MARK P. HUDSON,
JOHN LANE,

Road Commissioners, Town of East Bridgewater.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

I. N. NUTTER, *Town Treasurer,*

in account with TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER.

1884.

DR.

Feb. 20.	Balance as per previous report .	\$1,458 05
25.	Town of West Bridgewater, tuition of pupils in Beaver School . .	115 83
	Town of Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden	1 82
March 3.	Town of South Abington, aid to Catharine Quinn and others .	41 40
	Town of South Abington, care of Mrs. Harriet B. Bates . . .	25 00
	Town of Kingston	2 98
22.	Selectmen, from sale of cattle at alms- house	120 00
29.	Town of Bridgewater, aid to Frank Alden	1 82
April 22.	Dr. A. Millet, guardian of Mehita- bel Milliken, amount paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital	42 55
	East Bridgewater Savings Bank .	2,000 00
May 3.	Albert Shaw, for release of estate, formerly of John Worton . .	15 00
June 17.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank .	2,000 00
21.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank .	2,000 00
July 7.	Dr. A. Millet, guardian of Mehita- bel Milliken, amount paid Taun- ton Lunatic Hospital	62 77

July	12.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank .	\$2,000 00
	21.	Town of Marlboro', aid to Marcus Temple, balance of old account, \$4.96; additional, \$5.00 . .	9 96
Aug.	30.	Frank Smith, collector, balance of tax of 1883, including interest .	8 14
Sept.	4.	Building committee of Beaver Schoolhouse, on account of sale of old house and land . .	75 00
Dec.	1.	State Treasurer, corporation tax .	1,596 95
		“ “ bank tax . .	805 19
		“ “ State aid . .	798 00
	20.	Selectmen, for plank sold . .	3 50
1885.			
Jan.	10.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank .	2,286 48
	24.	Town of Marlboro', aid to M. Temple	19 50
		State Treasurer, corporation tax .	57 72
		“ “ income of school fund	179 45
	29.	Town of South Abington, aid to Miss Torrey and others . .	109 21
	30.	County Treasurer, dividend on dog tax	238 96
		Road commissioners	12 50
Feb.	2.	Town of Rochester, aid to Emily Baker and children	41 16
		Frank Smith, collector, on account of tax of 1884, including interest collected	18,739 92
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			\$34,868 86

1884.

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Sept. 17.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, note	\$2,000 00
	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest	34 45
25.	Town of Hanson, tax	24
Oct. 1.	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, three notes	6,000 00
	East Bridgewater Savings Bank, interest	68 88
Dec. 1.	State Treasurer, State tax for 1884,	1,860 00
2.	County Treasurer, county tax for 1884	1,497 33

1885.

Jan. 24.	State Treasurer, corporation tax .	02
	Tax of 1884, on real estate held by town by deeds from collector .	4 27
	Orders drawn by selectmen . .	13,668 43
	Orders drawn by school committee .	7,569 69
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		\$32,703 31
	Cash on hand	2,165 55
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		\$34,868 86

I. N. NUTTER,
Town Treasurer.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.,
Feb. 7, 1885.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

FRANK SMITH, *Collector*,*In account with* TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

1883.	DR.		
To amount tax uncollected 1883	.	\$8 00	
To amount interest collected	. .	14	
		<hr/>	\$8 14

	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer	. . . .		\$8 14

1884.	DR.		
To amount committed 1884	.	\$18,746 77	
To amount interest collected	. .	69 91	
		<hr/>	\$18,816 68

	CR.		
By amount paid treasurer	. .	\$18,802 15	
By amount taxes uncollected	. .	14 53	
		<hr/>	\$18,816 68

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have examined the accounts of the selectmen, overseers of the poor, school committee, treasurer, assessors, and collector, and have the honor to report as follows :—

SELECTMEN.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer	.	\$13,668 43
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer	. .	13,668 43

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Amount of orders drawn on the treasurer	.	\$7,569 69
Amount of orders paid by the treasurer	. .	7,569 69

TREASURER.

Amount received during the year . . .	\$34,868 86
Amount paid out during the year . . .	32,703 31
Cash on hand	<u>\$2,165 55</u>

COLLECTOR.

Amount committed for collection . . .	\$18,746 77
Interest	69 91
	<u>\$18,816 68</u>
Amount paid to treasurer	\$18,802 15
Uncollected taxes	14 50
Amount collected, balance of tax, year 1883 .	8 00
Interest	14
Amount paid to treasurer	8 14

The collector has shown us the treasurer's receipts for the above amounts in the collector's account.

One amount, \$62.23, was received after the treasurer's book was closed, and too late to appear thereon.

WARDEN'S ACCOUNT AT ALMSHOUSE.

Amount received during the year ending	
Dec. 31, 1884	\$648 24
Amount paid out during the year ending	
Dec. 31, 1884	610 95
Cash on hand	<u>\$37 29</u>
Total valuation	\$1,488,040 00

Respectfully submitted,

N. F. DUNPHE,
ROBERT YOUNG,
Auditing Committee.

EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.,
Feb. 23, 1885.

REPORT OF TOWN HALL COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

1884.

Feb.	1.	Cash on hand	.	.	.	.	\$183 99
	12.	B. B. Band	.	.	.	.	6 00
	13.	Unitarian Society	.	.	.	.	5 00
	15.	James Morey	.	.	.	.	12 00
	19.	E. B. Minstrels	.	.	.	.	8 27
	27.	Hanoverian Family	.	.	.	.	10 00
	29.	Mrs. M. M. Keith	.	.	.	.	8 00
Mar.	12.	Alabama Students	.	.	.	.	10 00
	13.	Unitarian Society	.	.	.	.	5 00
	21.	E. B. Cornet Band	.	.	.	.	8 00
	25.	C. B. Dobson	.	.	.	.	10 00
April	18.	E. S. Whitmarsh, Jr.	.	.	.	.	8 00
	21.	C. B. Dobson	.	.	.	.	10 00
	29.	R. J. Mitchell	.	.	.	.	8 00
	30.	Unitarian Society	.	.	.	.	6 00
May	2.	Grand Army	.	.	.	.	5 00
	9.	Edna Hayward	.	.	.	.	5 00
	5.	Temperance Society	.	.	.	.	2 50
	22.	Mrs. F. C. Nutter	.	.	.	.	5 00
	23.	Michael Lyons	.	.	.	.	12 00
June	10.	Unitarian Society, L. H.	.	.	.	.	3 00
	29.	Temperance Union	.	.	.	.	2 50
July	9.	Unitarian Society, L. H.	.	.	.	.	3 00
Aug.	29.	H. F. Howes	.	.	.	.	5 00

Sept.	18.	I. N. Nutter	\$5 00
	29.	Prohibitory Meeting	5 00
	29.	Prohibitory Convention	3 00
Oct.	3.	James Roach	12 00
	10.	Unitarian Society	6 00
	17.	Frank Maguire	12 00
	21.	Norfolk Jubilee Singers	10 00
	26.	Unitarian Society, L. H. . . .	2 50
	27.	Democratic Rally	5 00
	29.	Republican Rally	5 00
Nov.	7.	Unitarian Society	6 00
	12.	Alabama Students	10 00
	21.	E. W. Nutter	8 00
	24.	Democratic Committee, L. H. . . .	1 50
	27.	Unitarian Society	6 00
Dec.	17.	H. F. Howes	5 00
	18.	R. H. Mitchell	8 00
	24.	Unitarian Society, L. H. . . .	3 00
	26.	High School	5 00
	29.	Spaulding	10 00
	30.	James Roach	12 00
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			\$480 99

EXPENDITURES.

1884.

Mar.	1.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	\$12 00
	21.	J. Hobart, coal	2 30
April	3.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	10 00
May	6.	“ “ “	8 00
June	11.	I. Fuller, cleaning hall	4 50
	23.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	10 50
July	2.	Gammons & Nutter, oil, etc. . . .	11 77

July	7.	Eliab Latham, lumber	\$3 89
	8.	S. L. Seaver, labor	1 56
Sept.	1.	C. W. Siddell, iron-work	1 50
	12.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	8 00
	15.	Gammons & Nutter, pail, etc. . . .	1 50
Oct.	16.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	4 50
Nov.	3.	“ “ “	10 00
	12.	F. Smith, for keys	1 25
		S. L. Seaver, labor and stock	6 00
	26.	Mrs. Barrett, washing hall	4 95
Dec.	6.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	8 50
	25.	F. P. Whitmarsh, repairs	19 89
	31.	Granville C. Allen, lumber	21 79
	31.	Isadas Fuller, janitor	9 50
	31.	Joshua Dean, coal	14 00
	31.	L. F. Gammons, oil etc. . . .	10 17
		F. Smith, secretary and treasurer	
		Committee	10 00
		F. Smith, wax for floor	1 70
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			\$198 27
Jan. 1, 1885,		Cash on hand	282 72
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			\$480 99

AMOS HUNTING,
 FRED E. TROW,
 FRANK SMITH,
Town Hall Committee.

BEAVER SCHOOLHOUSE.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

At a town meeting held July 10, it was voted to build a new house for the accommodation of the Beaver schools, and an appropriation of \$2,200 was made for that purpose; together with the proceeds to be derived from the sale of the old house and lot.

A Building Committee was chosen, consisting of the members of the School Committee, and Messrs F. S. Strong and George M. Keith.

Soon after their appointment, the Committee met and organized, and at once took measures to put into effect the vote of the town.

Mr. S. L. Ryder was employed to prepare plans and specifications for a building similar to that of the West Primary School.

The old building and lot were advertised for sale at public auction, and were purchased by Waldo Hayward for \$365.

A lot on Summer Street was selected for the new building, and finally purchased for \$125. This lot adjoins and lies east of that of Myron Hayward. It contains about three fourths of an acre and has a frontage of eight rods.

Proposals for constructing the building were sent to the builders in this vicinity, but only three bids were received; the lowest being that of A. S. Lyons, of Bridgewater, with whom a contract was made for the sum of \$1,845.

Owing to delay in shipping the lumber and other causes, Mr. Lyons could not begin work as early as was intended, and the building was not completed until the first of the present month.

The work has been done under the superintendence of the architect, Mr. Ryder, and is satisfactory to him and to the Committee; the terms of the contract having been strictly complied with in all important particulars.

New seats will be required for one of the rooms, and at the opening of spring, the grading of the grounds should be completed and the lot enclosed by a fence. Provision should also be made for a supply of water.

The sums expended by the Committee are as follows:—

Waldo Hayward, land	\$125 00
J. M. Whiting, brick-work	178 72
A. A. Dudbar, stone-work	74 80
E. S. Whitmarsh, sale, etc.	5 75
George S. Young, copying	2 50
Francis Hayward, grading	128 13
J. Mahoney, labor .-	8 25
Thomas Keith, surveying	4 25
A. S. Lyons, by contract	1,845 00
A. S. Lyons, outbuilding	135 00
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	\$2,507 40
Balance unexpended	57 60
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	\$2,565 00

For the Committee,

P. M. GRIFFIN,

Secretary.

FEB. 18, 1885.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The voters of East Bridgewater, at the annual meeting held March 10, 1884, voted to establish a Public Library, and appropriated the sum of five hundred dollars for that purpose, not less than three hundred dollars of said sum to be used in the purchase of books. At the same meeting the town chose Messrs Ezra Kingman, Geo. W. Allen, and I. N. Nutter a Committee to carry out the vote of the town.

The Committee, after conferring with the selectmen, and learning that the room hired by the town in Mr. I. N. Nutter's building, for use of town officers, could also be used for the Public Library, decided to put a portion of it in order for the reception of books.

A delay of several weeks after the Committee first met occurred before the library was open to the public. Cases and shelves for the books had to be built, the room fitted up, new books selected, a supplementary catalogue, cards, and slips printed.

The services of Miss Mary T. Rogers having been secured as librarian, the delivery of books commenced June 25. The library has been open every Monday and Wednesday afternoons, from three to six o'clock; and on Saturday evenings, from six to eight o'clock.

Number of volumes received from the East Bridgewater Library Association, 468; number of volumes purchased by Committee prior to June 25, 99; number of volumes added in December, 1884, 210. Present number of volumes, 777. Public documents have been presented the library by Hon.

B. W. Harris, Hon. Horace Reed, and M. P. McLauthlin, Esq.

The number of books given out to Jan. 1, 1885.	2,186
Largest number on any day	68
Smallest number on any day	7
Average number	26 $\frac{6}{10}$

Cards have been issued to two hundred and ninety-nine different persons.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending Dec. 31, 1884.

Appropriation by the town	\$500 00
Fines collected	7 92
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	\$507 92

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for books purchased	\$317 85	
“ magazines	15 52	
S. L. Seaver, for shelves, counters, and desk	45 10	
M. S. Curtis, painting	11 80	
J. Burrell, printing, catalogues, etc.	20 00	
I. N. Nutter, supplies	12 27	
Mary T. Rogers, librarian	37 50	
C. L. Nutter, care of room	2 75	
Old Colony Railroad freight	44	
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Balance unexpended		44 69
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		\$507 92

EZRA KINGMAN,

I. N. NUTTER,

GEO. W. ALLEN,

Library Committee.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

MARRIAGES.

Thirty-nine marriages have been recorded during the year.

Date.	Name of Groom and Bride, and Residence.
1884.	
Jan. 6.	Stephen Griggs and Mary J. Cressy, both of South Abington. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
13.	George A. Simmons of Duxbury, and Melora A. Ford of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
23.	Marcus Temple of East Bridgewater, and Susie D. Ellio, of Plymouth. By Rev. W. H. Coffin.
27.	Edwin T. Wright of Brockton, and Maria T. Hayward of Abington. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.
Feb. 3.	Franklin A. Kingman and Annie A. Thurlow, both of Brockton. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
Mar. 29.	Frank L. Howland of East Bridgewater, and Carrie A. Howard of Brockton. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.
April 12.	Calvin E. Chamberlain of East Bridgewater, and Lillian M. Hatch of South Abington. By Rev. A. W. Kingsley.
May 8.	Charles Griggs and Martha A. Converse, both of South Abington. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
June 3.	Ralph H. Damon of Concord, and Mary W. Kennan of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. A. Horton.

- June 5. John E. Coleman of Milford, and Catharine McLennan of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
15. Wallace S. Morse and H. Emeline Edson, both of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
17. Ida Chenvert of Brockton, and Mary Desmond of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Thomas Moylan.
- July 2. Andrew Clark and Jane McDougall, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. B. Gurney.
16. Thomas H. Perkins of Plympton, and Jennie E. Dean of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
24. John King of Boston, and Mary O'Brien of East Bridgewater. By Rev. E. S. Fletcher.
24. Jehial B. Harden and Lillian Cushman, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Jacob Baker.
26. Ellsworth P. Morris of South Abington, and Edna Haywood of East Bridgewater. By Rev. L. B. Hatch.
- Aug. 13. George L. Chamberlain and Etta M. Wade, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.
25. Aaron E. Ramsdell and Anna E. Sturtevant, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. S. H. Day.
- Sept. 3. John Welch and Catharine L. Mahoney, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. Thomas Moylan.
18. Allan B. Shaw and Fanny M. Gurney, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
21. Otis E. Hall and Lucy M. Stetson, both of South Abington. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
22. William F. Perkins and Harriet Gifford, both of Brockton. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

- Sept. 25. Harvey Chandler of East Bridgewater, and Emily A. Johnson of Brockton. By Rev. F. A. Warfield.
26. Prescott E. Ramsdell and Susie E. Harding both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
- Oct. 15. Eliab N. Ward of East Bridgewater, and Grace F. Smith of Brockton. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
19. Frank E. Hunt and Mary A. Trow, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
26. Josiah J. Pratt and Saba C. Alden, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
28. Charles H. Keith of East Bridgewater, and Minnie B. Goodell of Boston. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
- Nov. 5. Benjamin K. Bliss of New York, and Elizabeth W. Keith of East Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
23. G. W. Nelson Joyce and Angenette Hoyt, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. T. O. Paine.
23. Edward Welch of East Bridgewater, and Alice E. Donahoe of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Thomas Moylan.
23. Jeremiah Reardon of East Bridgewater, and Mary E. Coughlin of South Abington. By Rev. W. P. McQuade.
26. Phanor B. Dunphe and Alice W. Trask, both of Bridgewater. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.
27. Bartholomew J. Dooddy of East Bridgewater, and Hannah Linnehan of West Bridgewater. By Rev. Michael Doherty.
- Dec. 6. Edward Brett and Mary E. Hewerson, both of Brockton. By Rev. P. M. Griffin.

Dec. 6. William E. Bunker of Brockton and Mary E. Swain of East Bridgewater. By Rev. O. D. Thomas.

24. Clarence P. White and Sadie A. Pickernell, both of Brockton. By Rev. J. W. Quimby.

1884.

Jan. 13. Cornelius L. O'Brien and Annie Fitzgerald, both of East Bridgewater. By Rev. John A. Conlin.

FRANK SMITH,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1884.

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
1884.		
Jan. 4....	Lucy Cushman Chandler.....	Frank B. and Sarah D.
" 10....	Alma Francis Wright.....	Alphonzo B. and Mary L.
" 29....	John Ernest Taylor.....	Manuel and Mary J.
Feb. 1....	George Edward Manning.....	John and Mary.
" 2....	Mary Ella Carroll.....	John W. and Annie.
" 8....	Maud Evelyn Alden.....	Frank and Emma F.
" 15....	Frank Ellsworth Mitchell ...	Frederic and Juliett.
" 22....	Leon Ellsworth Wood.....	Albert S. and Hannah D.
March 4....	—— Monnehan	Christopher and Mary.
" 8....	Sophia Potter Van Amringe..	George J. and Thankful H.
" 18....	Alice Orr Harris.....	Robert O. and Josephine D.
" 22....	John Francis Hagan	Peter, Jr. and Mary A.
" 23....	Perley Kimball Griffin.....	Perley M. and Eva J.
" 24....	Eliza Evelyn Waterman.....	Richmond N. and Eliza M.
April 1....	Florence Isabella Ellis	Joseph F. and Nancy.
" 2....	Wallace Wilbur Grover	James B. and Lois F.
" 10....	Harold Addison Barnes.....	Willard E. and Lilla F.
" 26....	George Bernier.....	Zephiren and Mary.
May 1....	Bartley Curran	Bartley and Ann.
" 8....	Mary Alice Curley.....	Patrick N. and Nellie.
" 9....	Edgar Worcester	Edgar E. and Henrietta.
" 16....	George Sites	George and Joanna.
" 28....	Lottie Mitchell	Robert J. and Mary A.
" 28....	—— Nicholson	Murdock and Effie.
" 30....	Daniel Arthur Blanchard.....	Daniel T. Jr. and Lydia F.
June 7....	Alice Teresa Cavanagh.....	David and Alice E.
" 10....	John Carroll Condon.....	Thomas and Kate.
" 16....	Lea Thibeault	Nazaire and Mary.
" 20....	George Walter Hathaway	Walter B. and Angie.
" 22....	Nellie Cushman Chandler	William H. and Abby W.
" 25....	Ina Crosby Standish	Edgar A. and Betsey H.
July 3....	Francis W. Lindsey.....	Ernest W. and Lizzie H.
" 8....	Ellen Elizabeth Carroll.....	Patrick F. and Bridget.
" 9....	Dora Francis Shepard.....	John and Julia
" 19....	Mary Pinseneault.....	Hezemaire and Mathilde.
" 19....	Jennie Rebecca Gaffney	Charles E. and Roslea.
" 20....	Mary Elizabeth Crowley.....	Michael J. and Minnie F.
" 24....	Mary Agnes Dillon.....	Patrick and Katie E.
Aug. 3....	Ellen Perkins Carver.....	Nathaniel P. and Elizabeth.
" 15....	Roy Keeler Piper	Waldo T. and Harriet C.
" 18....	Maggie Bussey	William H. and Kate.
" 29....	David Burdeau	Timothy and Agnes.
Sept. 10....	Edwin Franklin Dyson.....	Edwin F. and Eliza A.
Oct. 6....	Ernest Laurel Blake	Venaid D. and Effie.
" 9....	Grace Doyle.....	William R. and Mary A.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR
1884, *Continued.*

DATE OF BIRTH.	NAME OF CHILD.	PARENTS' NAMES.
Oct. 30....	Leon Rexford Planch.....	Henry and Jennie.
Nov. 20....	Arthur Ellis Bunker.....	Theodore E. and Annie.
" 25....	Maggie Murphy.....	William and Eliza.
Dec. 8....	Mabel Irving Kingman	Justin S. and Angie.
" 23....	Gertrude Augusta Bonney	Fred G. and Amy.
1883		
May 14....	Ida Minnie Drake.....	Waldo A. and Hannah A.
1882		
Sept. 4....	Sadie Francis Chandler	William H. and Abby W.

Whole number of births in 1884, 50: females, 28; males, 22.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN EAST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE
YEAR 1884.

DATE OF DEATH.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	
1884.					
Jan. 11,	Betsey A. Cooper	59	9	25	Pulmonary Œdema.
Feb. 10,	Robert Orr.....	89	4	12	Accidental Burning.
March 21,	Walter E. Whitman	15	1	14	Tubercular Meni'gitis.
" 22,	John E. Waterman	37	3	8	Acute Pneumonia.
" 28,	Bartholomew Trow	80	7	7	Diabetes.
April 2,	James McCarthy	47	....	....	Phthisis.
" 23,	Edward S. Keith.....	56	9	5	Suicide.
" 27,	Amanda Hatch.....	70	5	18	Bright's Disease.
May 13,	Freelove W. Thompson.	78	8	27	Paralysis.
" 24,	Charles W. Harris.....	61	9	13	Paralysis of Bowels.
June 5,	Elizabeth J. Bryant	72	6	16	Erysipelas.
" 17,	Samuel Harris.....	73	11	....	Spinal Apoplexy.
July 14,	Harrison W. White.....	71	....	2	Paralysis.
" 22,	George Benson.....	63	8	8	Uræmia.
" 27,	Galen Willis	84	....	14	Cancer.
Aug. 14,	Hulda Brett.....	82	4	14	Old Age.
" 24,	Ruth S. Grover.....	81	....	4	Diarrhœa.
" 27,	Otis Grover.....	81	3	12	Chronic Laryngitis.
" 29,	Angenette Richards	55	....	....	Disease of Brain.
" 30,	Annie Barrett.....	....	11	27	Diarrhœa.
Sept. 10,	Jane A. Osborne	15	1	14	Consumption.
" 12,	John Jones	75	....	17	Osteosarcoma.
" 24,	Theophilus B. Gurney..	60	6	2	Paralysis of Heart.
" 28,	Maggie Bussey.....	....	1	11	Cholera Infantum.
Oct. 1,	Annie E. Reed	37	....	11	Chronic Gastritis.
" 9,	Hanoro Gadbois .....	....	8	11	Abscess.
" 10,	Francis W. Lindsey ....	....	3	7	Hydrocephalus.
Nov. 4,	Mary Shaw	78	....	....	Old Age.
" 14,	Clifford Keith	20	4	3	Pulm'n'y Tub'erculosis.
" 21,	Sarah E. Freeman.....	15	2	3	Typhoid Fever.
" 21,	Samuel Keen.....	79	3	22	Senile Decay.
" 22,	Sarah Holmes.....	82	8	9	Old Age.
Dec. 11,	Alfred C. Ransden.....	1	9	13	Scarlatina.
" 13,	Ann M. Herrick.....	80	....	....	Paralysis.
" 16,	Michael Riordon	26	1	26	Phthisis.
" 19,	Sarah Lilly	80	6	4	Old Age.
" 28,	Annie W. Timmons	2	3	15	Scarlatina.

Whole number of deaths registered, 37.

Number of deaths in East Bridgewater, 36.

FRANK SMITH, *Town Clerk.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER
FOR
1884-5.



REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

At the annual townmeeting, Ezra Kingman was re-elected a member of the Committee for the term of three years.

At the first meeting of the Board, E. W. Nutter was chosen chairman and treasurer ; and P. M. Griffin, secretary.

Mr. Nutter was reappointed superintendent on the same terms as last year. His report, which follows this, shows the schools to be in a generally satisfactory condition, and to have made good progress during the year.

CHANGES OF TEACHERS.

Fewer changes have occurred in the corps of teachers than in most former years ; and, in a majority of cases, these changes have been favorable to the interests of the schools.

The term for which teachers are generally appointed, expires at the end of the school year, which closes with the summer term.

A few of the teachers employed last year were not re-appointed, as the Committee felt that more competent instructors could be obtained to fill the places. In this they were not disappointed ; for, in every instance where a removal was made, a marked improvement in the school followed. The Committee made these changes reluctantly, and after much deliberation ; but the good of the schools was the paramount consideration, and they leave their action to be justified by its results.

During the year three teachers resigned who had ren-

dered acceptable service. Two of the vacancies were filled by graduates of the Bridgewater Normal School; the third, by a young lady from the Quincy Training School.

Of the sixteen teachers now in service, nine were fitted for their profession by a special course in training schools; the others have held their present positions for terms of two years or more.

The salaries paid in the several grades are as follows:—

High School, principal	\$1,000 00
“ “ assistant	400 00
Central Grammar	500 00
Other grammar schools	360 00
Intermediate	288 00
Primary and mixed	252 to 288

FREE TEXT-BOOKS.

The State law requiring towns to furnish all text-books and materials went into effect at the beginning of the fall term. It was impossible to estimate closely the sum needed to meet this expense. The Committee, in common with those of most other towns, have found the sum appropriated insufficient. The law, however, is mandatory; and the only course was to purchase such supplies, and only such, as were indispensable. Although the amount expended seems large, the average is less than \$1.75 to a pupil, which does not seem extravagant.

The law is a just one and relieves a large class from a tax which bore heavily upon them. It is democratic, putting the children of the rich and poor upon an equal footing in our schools. All the pupils being supplied at the same time with whatever is necessary for the prosecution of their studies, delays are avoided, and the work of the teacher is facilitated. While the burden is shifted from one class to

another, the total expense is probably lessened. Books are no longer put aside when a single scholar has "been through" them, but are transmitted from class to class until worn out in service. As each pupil is held responsible for the condition of the books loaned to him, he will naturally exercise greater care in handling them than if they were his own.

Now that the heaviest expense has been met, the law will not be found a burdensome one to the tax-payers.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Of late years this town has been liberal and progressive in providing school accommodations. Several of the old houses have been replaced by larger ones, constructed in accordance with modern ideas of taste and convenience. All of the others have undergone improvements.

The largest outlay during the year has been made upon the building at Elmwood, for which a special appropriation was made by the town. The main room was improved by painting and whitewashing, laying a new floor, and renovating the seats and black-boards. The building was painted outside, a portion of the fence rebuilt, and the grounds graded.

As new outbuildings were erected last year, the property in this neighborhood is in excellent condition.

From the appropriation for general repairs, the largest sums have been expended in constructing outbuildings at Eastville, and putting in order the buildings at Northville which were moved from the site of the East Primary School.

The Committee had supposed that the demand for larger accommodations would come first from the centre of the town; but the membership of the Northville School had increased so rapidly, that at the beginning of the year it had grown beyond the seating capacity of the old building, and was

large enough to form two schools of nearly the average size. The expense of moving the buildings was much less than that which would have been incurred in providing accommodations by any other means. It should be remembered that the appropriation was made with a view to placing the buildings but a half-mile from their original location.

The policies of insurance on several houses having expired, the Committee, following the course heretofore pursued, caused them to be renewed, although there was no appropriation for the purpose.

Now that the new building in Beaver is completed, all our schools are provided with ample space, and with most of the appliances necessary for the comfort and instruction of the pupils. No expensive alterations will be necessary the coming year. Several of the houses have no canopies over the outer doors. These should be built as a protection to the children in stormy weather. They would also improve materially the appearance of the buildings. The cost of them, with suitable platforms, would not exceed one hundred dollars.

Four of the buildings need painting. Among these is that occupied by the High School.

The grounds, too, around this building should receive attention. They are rough and unsightly, and in a condition not creditable to the town.

To meet the expenses of the ensuing year, the Committee recommend the following appropriations : —

ESTIMATES.

School purposes	\$5,600 00
Incidentals	300 00
Text-books and supplies	400 00

Apparatus for High School	\$100 00
Painting and grading High School	350 00
Painting, etc., other houses	300 00
Building fence, etc., Beaver	300 00

P. M. GRIFFIN,
 EZRA KINGMAN,
For the School Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE:

The annual report of the superintendent, though addressed to the Committee, whose agent he is, is intended for the perusal of the citizens of the town, and should confine itself to such a presentation of facts in relation to the schools, and such explanations of the methods of instruction and supervision, as will give a correct understanding of their condition and progress.

The discussion, in this connection, of the problems which are to-day agitating the minds of educators, would possess little interest for the large majority of those into whose hands this report will fall.

ATTENDANCE.

The census taken May 1, 1884, showed the number of children in town between 5 and 15 years of

age to be	449
Decrease from last year	4
Whole number of pupils of all ages enrolled on school registers	538
Decrease from last year	5
Number over fifteen years	46
Number under five years	12
Number of pupils of school age attending	480
Decrease from last year	12
Average membership of the schools	443
Decrease from last year	3
Per cent of average attendance	90

The average membership of the several schools for each term is given in the following table : —

NAME OF SCHOOL.	AVERAGE MEMBERSHIP.			Per cent of Average Attendance for Year.
	Summer.	Fall.	Winter.	
High School	34	47	44	93
Central Grammar	51	51	47	91
Centre Intermediate	26	23	19	88
West Intermediate	29	35	34	94
West Primary	43	31	35	88
North Primary	52	32	26	91
Beaver Grammar	23	21	19	86
Beaver Primary	35	32	29	89
Elmwood Grammar	28	29	30	94
Elmwood Primary	43	34	33	89
Northville Grammar	38	38	20	95
Northville Primary .....	..	28	27	97
Curtisville	22	22	20	93
Eastville	27	27	26	88
Satucket	16	17	15	93
	467	439	424	90

The Northville School was divided at the middle of the fall term. The number of pupils reported for the grammar school during that term includes those who were transferred to the primary.

A comparison of the per cents of attendance with those of last year exhibits but slight variations. The attendance in the Beaver schools has been affected by the prevalence of scarlet fever.

The Centre Intermediate has suffered more than others from truancy.

An effort was made by the truant officers to abate this evil, and was partially successful; a number of boys heretofore troublesome having been coerced into regular attendance. It is next to impossible, however, without resorting to the

law, to force into school those children whose parents will not co-operate with the school officers.

In spite of adverse influences, the per cent of attendance has gradually risen, and our record in that respect is a creditable one.

SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

The work of improvement inaugurated by the Committee at the beginning of last year has been steadily prosecuted during the year just closed, and the results may be regarded as generally satisfactory.

In my report of last year I sketched the conditions necessary for the success of any system of public instruction.

First and foremost among these is the selection of good teachers and their retention in service. The qualifications of a really good teacher are so many, that it is not often that all are found united in one person. But, whatever the literary attainments or natural ability of one who seeks the teacher's position, special training or previous experience should be insisted upon as an indispensable condition of appointment.

Our schools are fortunate at the present time in having a corps of teachers all of whom possess one or both of these qualifications.

Most of them have been at their post for periods long enough to test thoroughly their ability to govern and instruct. All have evinced a lively interest in their work and a desire to do all that might be required of them in the discharge of the various duties of their positions.

They have recognized the fact that, to be successful, teachers must themselves be learners; eager to acquire and ready to apply the best methods of training and instruction. I have been especially pleased, in my visits to the schools, at the

entire absence of any attempt at parade or display. This is a good sign; in a school where honest work is being done, there is no room for show.

I cannot refrain from expressing my gratification at the excellent work done in the primary schools. Their teachers are alive to the responsibility which rests upon them, in developing the mental powers of these young pupils and training their faculties, so as to render their progress in the higher schools easy and natural.

It is easy to find many points in which our schools are deficient; but when fairly tested, I believe that sure signs of advancement are readily seen.

In regularity of attendance, interest of pupils, their desire for promotion, the quality of instruction,—in these and other respects improvement is manifest.

The conditions which now exist are favorable to the continued prosperity of the schools. This will be assured if the town continues the liberal policy which has of late been pursued in providing for their accommodations and support.

HIGH SCHOOL.

School supervisors of the smaller towns too often commit the error of making the course of studies for the high schools too ambitious or pretentious. Without consulting the actual needs of the youth for whom they are directly providing, they take for their models the schools of larger towns, and introduce into the curriculum so many branches that the larger number of the pupils who complete it go out into the world with a mere smattering of knowledge and with little real education.

In determining and arranging the studies to be pursued, many things are to be considered,—the preparatory training

of the pupils, the length of time they are to remain in the school, their future vocations, etc.

The records of our High School show that the number of scholars who do not pursue the full course is relatively large.

For this class of pupils especial provision should be made; that, when they leave the school, they may carry with them a practical knowledge of the most useful branches.

High-school graduates are often found deficient in a knowledge of those branches which they were supposed to have completed in the early part of the course or before entering the school. At no time in the course should a pursuit of the common branches be dropped.

The knowledge of them gained in the first year of the course should find constant application throughout the succeeding years. Spelling should be a daily exercise. The principles of arithmetic may be revised in connection with algebra and other studies; geography with history, history with civil government, and English grammar with all studies. Were this done, a high-school education would be worth all the time and effort spent in its acquisition.

The changes in the course of study suggested in my last year's report were approved by the Committee, and went into effect at the beginning of the present school year. The course as now arranged is printed on page 66.

It is hoped that in its practical working it will furnish to each pupil an opportunity to obtain the instruction which he most needs or desires. But a longer period will be needed to test it than that which has passed since its introduction.

At the beginning of the school year a class of thirty-three pupils was admitted to the school, including nine who had been pursuing a preparatory course in the school during the previous year. In this entering class were pupils from all

the grammar and mixed schools of the town. That so many were found qualified to meet the requirements of the standard of admission is a gratifying evidence of the increased efficiency of the lower schools.

The membership of the school at the present time is as follows : —

Senior Class	7
Sub-senior	3
Middle	8
Junior	27
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Of these, twenty-six have elected the four years' course ; twelve, the three years' and seven, the two years'.

Under its present teachers, the school is giving proof of thorough and earnest work. Mr. Hutchins, the new principal, is laboring assiduously and intelligently to raise the standard of scholarship ; and the pupils manifest a commendable spirit of good order and interest in their studies.

At the close of the last year a class of five was graduated ; three receiving diplomas for the English course, two for the Latin and English course.

NAMES OF GRADUATES.

Minnie O. Hunting,	Jennie C. Keith,
Julia W. Voigt,	Mary W. Richards,
Myrtie G. Wentworth.	

COURSE OF STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Drawing, Botany, Astronomy, and Natural History to be taught orally, as general exercises, by the teachers.

Daily exercises in spelling and definition for the first two years.

Exercises in recitation and original composition at least twice each term.

Pupils entering the school without conditions may take Latin the first year.

Scholars honorably completing either of the courses will receive diplomas when they graduate.

	TWO YEARS.	THREE YEARS.	FOUR YEARS.
First Year.	Arithmetic. Geography. Grammar. U. S. History.	The first year in each completion of the gram	course is devoted to the mar-school studies.
Second Year.	Penmanship. Single Entry Bookkeeping. Mercantile Arithmetic. Physiology. *Phys. Geography. English Language. Civil Government.	Pupils taking either of the studies of the two addition of those below. Algebra (instead of Co *French.	these courses will pursue years' course with the mmercial Arithmetic). Latin.
Third Year.		Algebra. Geometry. General History. English Language. English Literature. Philosophy. *French.	The same as for the three years' course. Latin. *French.
Fourth Year.			Review of Mathematics. English Literature. Chemistry. Rhetoric. Latin. *French.

* Elective.

WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS.

The practice of giving tests or written examinations at stated times is still continued. The wisdom of this practice is questioned by many whose opinions are entitled to consideration. The objections urged are, that it brings too great strain upon the minds of the pupils, adds greatly to the labor of the teachers, and consumes time that would be better employed in the regular work of instruction.

That there is force in some of these objections is to be admitted; but my observation of the effects of these examinations in the schools of this town leads me to favor their continuance. They are necessary to determine the proficiency

of the pupils, to ascertain their relative standing, and to decide whether they are prepared for promotion. To reach a decision in these respects, some kind of examination must be had. If made orally, it does not furnish the means of accurate estimate and comparison.

Under the present system, two tests are given each term ; or six in the course of the year. No special preparation is made for them, and the questions given are general in their character, touching such subjects as each member of a class should know if he has been constant in attendance and attentive to his studies. After the papers written by the pupils have been corrected by the teacher, they are returned ; and the pupils are required to answer correctly, after further study, the questions given.

From my own experience and the testimony of teachers, I am satisfied that the results obtained by these examinations may be relied upon to determine the relative proficiency of the pupils. I know of no case of injury to a pupil's mind or health in consequence of the strain produced in preparing the exercises required by these tests. A decided benefit is received by the pupil from the exercise of writing, in a distinct hand and with clearness of expression, his knowledge of subjects which he has previously studied. The opportunity for review which is given is another consideration in favor of such examinations.

SCHOOL SUPERVISION.

I have no desire to magnify the labor of those who are charged with the direction of the public schools. The duties of a superintendent are multifarious and exacting. Some of them are not of the most agreeable character. He must visit the schools frequently, and see that their wants

are properly and promptly supplied. He must observe carefully the character of the instruction given, and make regular reports to the Committee of the condition of the schools. He is to judge of the fitness of the teachers, and advise with the Committee when new ones are to be selected. He must hear the complaints brought by parents, pupils or instructors and be ready to give advice or render a decision. The executive duties devolving upon him demand a large share of the time at his disposal. .

To discharge all these duties well he must not only possess peculiar qualifications, but be at liberty to respond to every call made upon him.

I am conscious that my performance has fallen short of my endeavor. The work to be done was greater than I could accomplish in the time which I could devote to it. In judging of the results, I trust that the citizens of the town will consider all the circumstances of my position.

To the Committee, I desire to express my grateful acknowledgment of the aid and support they have rendered me in the discharge of the duties of my office.

E W. NUTTER,
Superintendent.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Appropriation	\$5,600 00
Received from State treasurer . . .	179 45
“ “ Town of West Bridgewater .	89 52
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Amount available	\$5,868 97

EXPENDITURES.

TEACHING.

Wyman C. Fickett, High School . . .	\$480 00
John W. Hutchins, “ “ . . .	400 00
Florence M. Cross, “ “ . . .	345 64
Fred H. Wight, Central Grammar . .	410 30
Ann W. Harden, Centre Intermediate .	252 80
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, North Primary . .	233 60
Jennie Donoghue, North Primary . .	24 00
Cora J. Ripley, North Primary and Northville .	168 80
Hattie F. Whitmarsh, West Intermediate .	256 00
Agnes A. Voigt, West Primary . . .	256 80
Alva B. Whitney, Beaver Grammar . .	282 00
Florence M. Blanchard, Beaver Grammar .	30 00
Lura J. Burrell, Beaver Primary . . .	219 80
Mary E. Worcester, Eastville . . .	219 00
Bertha I. Mason, Curtisville	114 80

Alice Miller, Curtisville	\$105 00
Hattie C. Sampson, Satucket	219 80
Annie S. Clifford, Elmwood Grammar	32 00
Alice W. Renton, " "	290 00
Gertrude Fuller, Northville	292 00
Mrs. E. Murphy, Northville	30 00
Fannie M. Gurney, Elmwood Primary	117 60
Lucy Tooker, Elmwood Primary	105 00
Town of South Abington	30 00
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Total	\$4,914 94

CARE OF HOUSES.

Mrs. Kate Barrett, care	\$75 02
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	26 00
Mrs. E. M. Murphy, care	6 00
Owen Maguire, care	4 00
Mrs. Owen Maguire, cleaning	4 00
Mrs. Kate Barrett, cleaning	85
Mrs. M. Carroll, care	15 66
Mrs. M. Carroll, cleaning	6 68
Mrs. Hennessy, care	8 00
Alice Whitman, care	10 00
Fred L. Soper, care	7 00
George Bates, care	3 00
A. C. Churchill, care	3 00
F. Donnelly	7 33
Mrs. Sears Frost, cleaning	3 50
Bertha I. Mason, cleaning	6 50
Bertha I. Mason, care	4 00
Alice Miller, care	3 00
Hattie Simpson, care	3 20
Cora Bird, care	3 00

Bertie Bennett, care	\$3 00
Mrs. R. Wade, cleaning	3 00
James K. Brett, care	6 00
Roy S. Hayward, care	6 50
Mrs. James Cunningham, cleaning	4 50
Inez Ramsdell, care	3 00
Everett Richards, care	6 00
Lonnie Pratt, care	4 00
Cora J. Ripley, care	1 25
C. A. McKenzie, cleaning	3 00
Albert Edson, care	6 00
Total	<hr/> \$245 99

FUEL.

Dana F. Edson, labor	\$3 00
A. S. Alger, coal	233 00
J. E. Bisbee, labor	3 25
J. Mahoney “	2 00
Levi W. Noyes, labor	5 55
J. D. Jones, wood	14 00
Herbert C. Keith, wood	31 50
Eliab Latham, “	5 50
Henry W. Porter, labor	2 50
David Gurney, wood	2 00
Frank Donnelly, labor	3 00
Enoch Freeman “	16 00
A. A. Pratt, “	3 25
Clarkson Richards, wood	4 00
Noah Washburn, “	8 00
Total	<hr/> \$336 56

Winkley, Dresser & Co., reference books, etc. \$44 65

RECAPITULATION.

Amount available for school purposes . . .	\$5,868 97
Paid for teaching \$4,914 94	
Paid for care of houses 245 99	
Paid for fuel 336 56	
Paid for reference books, etc. . . . 44 65	
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Balance unexpended	\$326 83

INCIDENTALS.

Paid Hektograph Manufacturing Company .	\$3 15
P. M. Griffin, expenses to Mansfield .	6 37
E. W. Nutter, record books, stationery, etc.	38 79
C. W. Clark, settees, erasers, etc. . .	38 80
Old Colony Railroad Company, freight .	1 76
Thomas Hall, chemicals	2 80
Boston School Supply Company, ink-wells	1 50
J. Burrell, printing	19 25
Hopkinson & Marden, brooms, mats, etc. .	23 25
J. H. Potter, cleaning clocks	1 00
Lura J. Burrell, map	1 75
Winkley, Dresser & Co., ink, etc. . .	21 05
E. S. Clark, labor	3 00
Daniel Hines, repairing chairs	70
G. C. Allen, lumber	1 74
Knight, Adams & Co., account books .	5 47
Gammons & Nutter, hardware	31 44
W. C. Fickett, book	1 10
E. W. Nutter, expense of obtaining teachers	11 75
Fannie M. Gurney, expense	75

Paid S. J. Voight, filling diplomas . . .	\$1 25
E. F. Sampson, moving wood . . .	12 80
Bishop Bros., steps . . .	1 25
G. S. Young, copying . . .	1 50
American Soapstone Finish Company . .	27 00
Edwin Hayward, digging wells. . .	5 00
George S. Jones, clock, etc. . .	5 50
Alanson Benson, setting trees . . .	3 00
Eliab Latham, trees . . .	4 80
J. M. Whitman, setting glass . . .	1 92
Expenses Teachers' Institute . . .	16 40
Alger & Co., express . . .	12 85
George S. Perry, blanks . . .	3 99
E. W. Nutter, taking census . . .	15 00
Knight, Adams & Co., labels . . .	4 86
I. N. Nutter, sundries . . .	2 41
Total . . .	<hr/> \$334 95
Appropriation . . .	300 00
Excess of expenditures . . .	<hr/> \$34 95

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation . . .	\$350 00
From county treasurer . . .	238 96
Amount available . . .	<hr/> \$588 96

EXPENDITURES.

Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co. . .	\$141 40
Winkley, Dresser & Co. . .	211 08
Cowperthwait & Co. . .	40 50
A. Lovell & Co . . .	5 00

Anderson School Book Company . . .	\$1 25
William Ware & Co.	15 00
Isaac N. Nutter	142 75
Boston School Supply Company . . .	216 97
Total	<u>\$773 93</u>
Amount available	588 96
Excess of expenditures	<u>\$184 97</u>

REPAIRS.

Appropriation for Elmwood	\$350 00
“ “ general repairs	200 00
Total	<u>\$550 00</u>

EXPENDITURES.

S. L. Seaver, stock and labor, Elmwood . .	\$214 79
Minot S. Curtis, painting, “ . . .	85 00
Wm. A. Kinnear, whitewashing, “ . . .	23 00
Mark P. Hudson, grading, “ . . .	32 98
S. L. Seaver, outbuilding, Eastville . .	93 70
S. L. Seaver, High School building, etc. .	51 25
R. T. Brett, Elmwood	4 25
John W. Whiting, labor, etc., Northville .	34 02
James Powers, moving shed, “ . . .	18 00
Eliab Latham, oxen, “ . . .	5 00
C. E. Brown, “ “ . . .	1 75
Edwin L. Brown, grading, “ . . .	16 00
Wm. L. Judkins, brick, “ . . .	2 25
S. R. Newhall, labor, “ . . .	8 35
Minot S. Curtis, labor and stock . . .	47 44
B. F. Edson, labor, Eastville	2 50

Geo. Vanamringe, setting glass, Elmwood	\$3 65
R. F. Copeland, stone, Eastville	2 50
Total	<u>\$646 93</u>
Appropriation	550 00
Excess of expenditure	<u>\$96 93</u>

MOVING EAST PRIMARY BUILDING.

Lucius Remick, team, etc.	\$3 00
James Powers, oxen, etc., moving building	91 87
Charles Latham, use of oxen	3 50
Charles Brown, " " "	3 50
Town of East Bridgewater, use of oxen	3 50
Patrick Norris, use of oxen	5 00
Hebert Keith, " " "	3 50
Benjamin Ward, " " "	3 50
E. B. French, " " "	6 00
James Latham, " " "	5 50
A. H. Latham, " " "	5 50
David Gurney, " " "	3 50
Total	<u>\$137 87</u>
Appropriation	100 00
Excess of expenditures	<u>\$37 87</u>
Paid for insurance, no appropriation	\$133 87
Amount available for all school purposes	\$7,407 95
" expended	<u>7,569 63</u>
Excess of expenditures	\$161 68

For the School Committee,

E. W. NUTTER, *Treasurer.*

